

Albany Dress Code

Whilst we do not have a formal uniform at The Albany, we have an expectation that students wear appropriate clothing to school.

We define appropriate clothing, including footwear, as being

- ✓ Suitable for the activities they are doing
- ✓ Comfortable
- ✓ Warm enough
- ✓ Is not offensive or too revealing
- ✓ Jewellery and piercings can be worn
- ✓ Students are allowed to wear make-up should they choose

Safety Note: We are mindful of the risk of injury from large hoop ear rings and other body piercings, and therefore we ask our students to take care in what they choose to wear, and reserve the right to ask students to remove jewellery if it is deemed unsafe. It will be required to be removed for some activities (e.g. gymnastics).

Outdoor Learning

Challenge Learning, Greenlight Trust and Forest Schools: clothing needs to protect them from the weather, be it cold, wet, or bright sunshine.

Sport: wear clothing which allows them to move freely, and wear no jewellery, belts etc. for the duration of the activity.

Vocational courses

Students should wear the 'uniform' of the course, be it black trousers and a white shirt or overalls and metal toe-capped boots. Similarly they need to present themselves in appropriate clothing for their work experience; dressing in the professional wear expected in each environment.

✗ Clothing we Don't Allow

Students are able to express their identity through their choice of clothing, hair colour and style as long as what they do is appropriate for the activities they are engaged in and does not cause offence. Similarly if their clothing is too revealing or attracts inappropriate attention we will discuss this with the student, requiring them to dress more appropriately in future.

- ✗ We do not allow students to wear strappy tops, cropped tops or bra tops. We also ask student to keep t-shirts on etc. so that they are not bare chested even when the weather is hot.
- ✗ Items of clothing which have reference to illegal substances or have offensive language on them may not be worn.
- ✗ Students can wear shorts, but not 'hot pants' or short skirts which leave their entire leg exposed.

At The Albany our dress code applies to our staff too. We expect staff to dress in a professional way which is suitable for the activities they will be engaged in that day. In this way we can model appropriate dress codes to our students.