



Student Costume Policy

The Sovereign Hill School Council supports the belief that for students to get the maximum educational benefit from our program, they need to fully immerse themselves in the role of a child living on the goldfields in the 1850s. This includes the wearing of costumes as prescribed. The pedagogy we use is based on the effectiveness of Affective Learning, that is, the involvement of a child's emotions in the learning process.

Visiting students are expected to dress and behave in the manner consistent with school children of the 1850s. If a school is aware of a student who will struggle to participate in the program or wear a costume, the school will be required to contact Sovereign Hill School to find a solution prior to participation in the program.

There may be exceptions to the costume requirements in special circumstances, and these will be negotiated with the Principal of the Sovereign Hill School.

There are separate variations to the costume code on religious grounds, which enable students to wear religious clothing items additional to our normal costume.

Boys are to wear knickerbockers, shirt, neckerchief, coat (depending on the weather) cap, plain socks and plain shoes. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or facial piercings.

Girls are to wear a dress, cape or bonnet (depending on the weather) pinafore, pantalettes, plain socks and plain shoes. Small earrings are allowed; however not facial piercings.

THIS POLICY HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY SOVEREIGN HILL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Principal G. McArthur

President of School Council

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