



Book Fair Australia

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A FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

Book Fair Australia Cosplay Guidelines 2026

Book Fair Australia is run by a team of volunteers, and we have a duty of care to ensure no harm comes to any attendees, cosplayers, exhibitors, staff or contractors. So, whilst you prep your favourite character's outfit, please consider our guidelines to ensure everyone feels safe and included throughout the event.

Be Respectful

Book Fair Australia is an all-ages event with a diverse range of our community, including small children and young people in attendance. Please keep this in mind and avoid attire or behaviour that could offend others. This includes overly revealing or sexualised costumes, offensive slogans, hateful symbols, or costumes similar to offensive uniforms. If you're unsure about this in regards to your costume, please contact us for clarification. We encourage all entrants to try their best and partake in friendly competition. Please support each other, especially those who are new to cosplay!

Prop Size and Weight Limits

We need to keep our walkways flowing and accessible for all. Costumes wider than 1.5m, including carried props, will not be permitted into the main event. Anything larger than 1.5m will need to be checked in at the Cloak Room upon entry, and will be kept in a storage room when not being judged or on the stage for presentations. Heavy props can be dangerous if dropped on someone's toes! Whilst we do not have an exact weight limit for props or costumes, please ensure they are light enough for the average person to lift without strain.

No Sharp Bits

Sharp edges and weapon tips create a risk for you and other attendees, especially at a busy event. Please do not have any sharp weapon tips, barbed wire, spikes or sharp edges. Everything needs to be soft or blunt.

No Projectiles or Whips

Projectiles, arrows, whips, Airsoft weapons and gel blasters are all strictly banned from Book Fair Australia. Water or Nerf guns, bows and cross bows must not be capable of firing any projectile.

No Glass or Metal Props

Glass or metal costumes or props could cause great harm if used in the wrong way. Please consider using plastic, foam, corflute, or a light timber such as balsa wood, when creating your masterpieces.

No Real or Replica Firearms

Under no circumstances are real, replica or decommissioned firearms, cap guns or ammunition to be brought to Book Fair Australia.



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Code of Conduct

You must be mindful of those around you and behave in a safe and respectful manner. We will not accept any unsafe behaviour that puts anyone at risk, such as swinging props around. Everyone has a right to their boundaries – just because someone is in costume does not give anyone permission to touch or interact in any inappropriate ways. If anyone is making you feel uncomfortable, please reach out to staff or security. Anyone behaving inappropriately may be asked to leave the event.

Cosplay Check-In

Attendees who have registered for the Cosplay competition will need to check in at the Book Addiction stage — please see the venue map. Your costume and props will be checked whilst you enter. Once everything has been given the ok by our team, and deemed safe for the main event, you will receive a wristband and can go about enjoying your day. You will be notified at check in of your judging time and location. All props will be checked at the entrance for safety to make sure they meet the guidelines. Book Fair Australia reserves the right to make any safety decisions about props on the day, and they may be stored to be picked up at the end of the event. If you have any questions regarding the Book Fair Australia Cosplay Competition or Parade, please email enquiries@bookfairaustralia.com.