



DRESS CODE - STUDENT

Statement of Aim:

The aim of this procedure is to respect, encourage and model culturally appropriate modes of dress and body decoration for students whilst at school, at off-campus events and during school trips. The attire worn by students will project a positive and presentable image of themselves and the school.

Rationale:

Our school is a multi-cultural community of individuals who do not wish to knowingly offend by wearing inappropriate or offensive attire. Learning to make thoughtful clothing choices is a key aspect of global citizenship. Thoughtful clothing choices promote confidence, decency and respect.

Guidelines:

1. All Students must wear school appropriate clothing. Clothing must not contain inappropriate slogans, words, pictures or symbols. No offense to the school's community is permitted through dress or appearance. See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
2. All Secondary Students' clothing that is brief in size and/or exposes the midriff, chest or back is not permitted at school. All shirts must have shoulder straps. Skirts and shorts should be at least mid thigh length.
3. All Students must wear clean clothing that is in good condition. For very young children, sets of clean clothing can be stored at school, in the event of play or toilet incidents.
4. All Students' underwear should be completely covered and not visible.
5. All Students' shoes must be practical for safe evacuation in an emergency situation or such that they don't harm the student. Footwear should be firmly attached to the feet.
6. Hats and bandanas may be worn as long as they are not covering the face, distracting to the learning environment, or contain inappropriate words, pictures, or symbols. Exceptions will be made for medical/religious reasons, provided that learning and communication are not affected. During hot weather, students are encouraged to wear hats and a thin application of sun cream while outside. Families must supply the sun cream applications and hats.
7. Secondary students may wear discreet make-up.
8. All Students must follow subject specific requirements for dress and safety in lessons. For example, appropriate safety apparel must be worn during science experiments such as lab coats and safety glasses; athletic shoes must be worn for PE lessons, and jewelry removed. The school's PE uniforms should be worn for physical education classes and may also wear their uniform during the school week, on school trips or in the local community. Swimming caps and swimwear must be worn in the pool.
9. Depending on the season, each student must wear and/or have ready, outer garments for outside play or activities. This clothing is to prepare students for cooler and sometimes seasonally changeable weather patterns.