

Mufti Dress Code

All Year 9 to 13 students are expected to wear correct school uniform except for Student Council mufti days and other special events where mufti is specified (e.g. for some school trips), when they are expected to wear appropriate mufti based on this dress code. Year 13 students will also have a special mufti day on most Wednesdays – on these days they may choose whether to wear mufti (in accordance with this dress code) or school uniform. If students are involved in meeting visitors to the school or representing the school in some way in the community, they are required to be in school uniform.

All students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for school, and in a way that reflects positively on them as individuals and on the school as a centre of excellence in education.

Students in mufti are expected to dress in a tidy, clean, “modest” and conservative manner. They must be considerate of other students and of staff at the school when selecting clothes to wear to school – low necklines, very short skirts or shorts, transparent or revealing garments, very tight clothing, low-riser pants, etc. are not appropriate. Hats such as caps and beanies are not to be worn in class. Scruffy, torn, or dirty clothing is not appropriate, and neither are clothing items promoting alcohol, drugs or tobacco, or with potentially offensive slogans of any sort.

"Fashion label" clothing may be worn but with some caution, as the cost of these items is prohibitive for many students and their families, and we would expect students to be considerate of one another – this is a school, not a fashion parade.

Students should also be aware of the physical environment and dress sensibly for this – clothes should be warm enough for the weather conditions, and footwear should be appropriate for school – e.g. high heels and jandals are not appropriate, and students working in laboratories or workshops must wear footwear that covers their feet for safety reasons. Tidy clothes suited for an active office environment would normally be an appropriate guideline.

Students actively involved in sport activities or practical Physical Education or Outdoor Education are expected to change into appropriate clothing for these activities. They are then expected to change back into their “normal school clothing” following the physical activity.

All students, whether in mufti or in uniform, are expected to comply with the same regulations regarding jewellery, piercings, make up, nail polish, and hair colour, etc. Permanent or short term uniform passes issued for these or any other non-uniform items should still be carried if the item is worn.

On rare occasions Year 13 students may wish to have a “themed” Mufti Wednesday. This must have prior approval from the Senior Management Team, and the general sentiment of this Dress Code must still be followed.

Specific regulations to define the above guidelines should not be necessary. We are reluctant to make this a matter of “regulation”, however, for the sake of clarity and to avoid misunderstandings:

1. Necklines more than 8 cm below the collarbone are not appropriate.
2. Singlet tops, or cropped tops with a midriff gap, are not appropriate.
3. Skirt, shorts or dress hemlines more than 15 cm above the centre of the knee are not appropriate.
4. Tights, jeggings and leggings are not a fully sufficient alternative to trousers, unless a long enough top is worn with them to ensure “modesty”.
5. Any low-waisted trousers, shorts or skirts should not allow for a “midriff gap”, either at the front or back, even when bending.

Students whose clothing or personal presentation is considered inappropriate are likely to be asked to go home and change, and will not be permitted in classes until they are appropriately dressed for school. In the event of a dispute as to whether a particular item of clothing is appropriate or not, the Principal will make the final decision.