

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Part of the Special Character of Michael Park School is that we do not have a school uniform. We have endeavoured to match this dress code with our view of the growing consciousness of the child from 5 years to 18 years in keeping with our Special Character. As High school students provide an important role model for our younger children and represent the school in the wider community, what they wear and how they wear it is very important in the school environment.

Please read this dress code carefully. It sets out what the school requires to ensure that students' dress is appropriate for school activities and acceptable in appearance. All clothing should be of an appropriate and functional style for school activities.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

A tidy, clean, semi-professional standard of dress suitable for all school activities is expected.

Clothes should be age and school appropriate, and comfortable for the weather and activity / function. Clothing should not restrict movement. Some lessons require sports clothes, or other subject-specific clothing for safety or practical reasons. There are public and formal school occasions where semi-formal dress is required.

REQUIREMENTS

These requirements must be adhered to for all lessons, unless subject specific clothes are endorsed by the teacher:

1. Tops must cover the shoulders for sun safety (no less than four fingers width and neckline not more than four fingers below the collar bone).
2. Tops must cover the mid-riff.
3. Shorts and trousers should be properly held up with a belt if necessary.
4. Skirts and shorts should not be shorter than mid-thigh.
5. Sunhat required during terms 1 & 4 for break, lunch and outdoor lessons.
6. Clothing, footwear and sports uniform should be named.

ALLOWED

1. Plain coloured shirts and jumpers
2. Patterned fabric (e.g. striped, spotted, geometric designs, pictures or multicoloured). Any picture pattern must not be offensive.
3. Small logos (words or designs, not company logos) no bigger than a playing card.
4. Michael Park School logo and name on sports clothing and cultural group clothing.
5. Earrings – sleepers and small studs allowed.

NOT ALLOWED

- Transparent or see through tops, unless the under-garment meets the dress code (see requirements)

- Roller shoes
- Wearing hats, hoods and / or sunglasses in the classroom
- Dog collars, metal studded accessories, chains.

Gym/games clothing: Students must change for games into another top and pants/shorts. Any body piercings must be removed or covered. Michael Park School sports uniform required in Classes 6 – 10. **Sports uniform is compulsory for all students in sports teams.**

Footwear: Students must wear appropriate footwear at all times. For safety reasons, during woodwork, metalwork and gardening lessons shoes with closed toes must be worn. Jandals must not be worn at all.

Hats: Hats are not to be worn inside. Hats must be worn in both breaks, outside activities, camps and outings in term 1 and 4. We urge parents to purchase wide brimmed hats. Hats in our Michael Park colour are available for sale from the office.

Hair: Hair should be kept clean and tidy and be kept off the face. Long hair must be tied back or held in place for safety reasons in practical lessons.

Lower School: No dyeing of hair except in natural (human hair) colours

High School: The use of hair gel is permitted and dyed hair in any colour is permitted from Class 10 up.

MAKEUP AND JEWELLERY

Lower School Jewellery: No jewellery allowed. Recommended analogue watch from class 3. One stud / sleeper earring in each ear permitted. No bracelets, bangles, rings, necklaces or dangling earrings.

High School Jewellery: Jewellery may be worn but, for safety reasons is not permitted during woodwork, craft, metalwork, gym lessons and camp and students will be asked to remove them.

Makeup: In classes 1 – 7 makeup is not permitted. High School students are permitted to wear light, subtle makeup.

CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE DRESS CODE

If a student arrives at school and is clearly in breach of the dress code, students will be given a warning and parents may be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothes or to collect the student to rectify the problem. If inappropriate logos, pictures or wording on clothes is worn, students may be asked to wear the article of clothing inside out for that day. Further non-compliance will be dealt with according to student management procedures.