

OPAHEKE SCHOOL STUDENTS' DRESS CODE

Opaheke School students have the privilege of wearing mufti to school. Students are asked to exercise good judgement, in accordance with Opaheke School Rule No. 5 (below), while adhering to sun safety policies.

RULE 5: Know the right things to bring and the right things to wear

This means –

- Wear suitable clothing
- You may wear acceptable jewellery i.e. studs, watch, medical alert bracelet, cultural and religious adornments
- Sunhats must be worn outside during terms one and four
- Facial makeup should not be worn
- Leave all toys, radios, matches, electronic devices etc at home
- Leave gum, sweets and fizzy drinks at home
- Leave all weapons at home

As a 'Sun-Smart' school, we require our students to be suitably covered whenever they are working or playing outside. This includes the upper torso being suitably covered and sunhats on heads. Cotton is the recommended fabric for clothing. As school is a formal place of work, mufti should always be of a high standard, with students avoiding unacceptable fashion fads.

- Correct Opaheke School P.E. uniform is to be worn by senior school students for all physical activities and sport events.
- Approved Opaheke School sunhats must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4 and are recommended, as weather requires, for Terms 2 and 3.

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Bandanas and other clothing that may appear gang-related are not permitted.
- Shorts and skirts must be at mid-thigh or longer.
- All t-shirts and shirts must cover the shoulders.
- See-through clothing is not permitted.
- Low-cut clothing, revealing in nature, is not permitted.

- Clothing must not have inappropriate or objectionable pictures, words or slogans.
- Clothing which shows a bare midriff is not permitted.
- Low-riding shorts or trousers are not permitted. Underwear must not be visible.
- Appropriate footwear that is practical for school must be worn. Either shoes, jandals or sandals must be worn outside of the school grounds.
- Hats are not to be worn inside buildings.
- Hair must be tied back and must not cover the eyes or face.
- Hair colour should be natural i.e. no pink, blue etc.
- Piercing adornments in any part of the body other than the ear are not permitted. Plaster or tape covering of piercings is not acceptable. Plain metal studs are acceptable ear rings for pierced ears. Should there be a medical reason for wearing anything other than the recommended ear rings, a note from the parents/caregivers must be sent to school.
- Cultural adornments are acceptable provided a note from the parents/caregivers is sent to school.
- Swimwear must be appropriate, i.e. one piece swimsuit rather than bikinis. Skimpy swimsuits are not appropriate.

The following should be kept for out-of-school occasions and should not be worn at school:

- Fingernail and toenail polish
- Make up
- Hair or body glitter
- Tattoos or tattoo stickers
- Jewellery

Procedure for non-compliance:

- Student is asked to explain the reason for not adhering to the dress code.
- Student is asked to remove any make up, jewellery, inappropriate clothing etc.
- Parents will be contacted verbally. In the event that parents cannot be contacted, the school may provide the student with something appropriate to wear.
- Parents will be contacted in writing if appropriate or necessary.