

Opapeke School Student Dress Code

Opapeke School students have the privilege of wearing mufti to school. Students are asked to exercise good judgement, in accordance with Opapeke School Rule 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 e.g. small studs, watch, medical alert bracelet, approved cultural and religious adornments.
- Opapeke School sunhats must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4 and are recommended, as weather requires, for Terms 2 and 3.
- Leave all toys, radios, matches, electronic devices etc at home.
- Cell phones may be brought to school for use after school hours only, these must be handed into the school office at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end of the school day.
- Leave gum, sweets, 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 school sunhats on heads. Cotton is the recommended fabric for clothing.

Our school is considered a formal place to learn and work, mufti should always be of a high standard.

Opapeke School P.E. uniform is to be worn by Year 5-8 students for all physical activities and sport events.

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Clothing worn must comply to health and safety requirements and must not cause embarrassment to the students or other members of the school community.
- Bandanas and other clothing that may appear gang-related is not permitted.
- Shorts and skirts must be a suitable length e.g. 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 earrings for pierced ears. Should there be a medical reason for wearing anything other than the recommended earrings, a note from the parents/caregivers must be sent to school to obtain permission.
- Cultural adornments are acceptable provided a note from the parents/caregivers is sent to school to obtain permission.
- Swimwear must be appropriate, i.e. one piece swimsuit rather than bikinis. Rash shirts are encouraged.

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
- Unacceptable fashion trends that do not adhere to the above-mentioned guidelines

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.