

## Changes to dress code in Middle School

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Dear Middle School Parents,

We have recently made some changes to the Middle School dress code; I'd like to explain the changes and the process that has taken place leading up to these.

Early in the year a group of Year 9 students approached staff with a number of questions and requests regarding the dress code. The students were asked to write a proposal explaining the changes they would like to see and why they felt they were important. The group worked on the issue during a number of lunchtimes and wrote up a fairly extensive submission.

The submission was reviewed with other students and MS staff before being discussed with the Principal and then the school's leadership team. The outcome was the adoption of some of the proposed changes, and further consideration for the remaining changes.

The following changes have been accepted:

- Students may wear their hair down except for subjects where it might pose a risk to safety. All students who have hair that is shoulder length or longer need to have a hair tie with them to enable them to keep it back when required.
- Students will now be allowed to wear light, natural makeup.

All other aspects of the dress code remain unchanged. If you would like to read over these guidelines they can be found on the school website at [www.mecs.vic.edu.au/Resources/Downloads/School-Information-Downloads](http://www.mecs.vic.edu.au/Resources/Downloads/School-Information-Downloads)

Regards,

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