**MECS GUIDED DRESS GUIDELINES**

### KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. **School Function** – support the central function of the school – to lead in learning
2. **Appropriateness & Comfort** – suitable and comfortable for a school setting. This means it won’t be the same as what is worn to the beach or for going out.
3. **Health & Safety** – support the health of the student and be safe and supportive.
4. **Modesty & Care for each other** – be modest (meaning “with decent reserve and propriety”) and have an up-building and positive effect.
5. **Good Grooming & Good Repair** – clean, neat, orderly, and in good repair.
6. **Student Choice, Discretion & Responsibility** – affording students guided freedom and opportunity to express responsibility and make discreet choices.

### TOPS

1. No underwear showing/not see through.
2. No exposed midriff, back or underarm.
3. No cleavage.
4. Sleeves to cover the shoulder.

### SKIRTS & DRESSES

1. Length of skirt and dress must come to the top of the knee (cap) when standing regardless of wearing shorts beneath.
2. The top of the dress (the bodice) must meet the ‘tops’ standard, or another top must be worn to ensure compliance.
3. The P&F School Wear Shop-provided checked, summer school dress, taken down to its maximum drop (that still doesn’t reach the top of the knee), will be allowed (within reason).

### SHORTS, TROUSERS & JEANS

1. Shorts must come to at least halfway between the crotch and knees.
2. Jeans etc – no backside cleavage/ exposure at any time.
3. No leggings on their own. Dress/skirt/shorts may be worn over leggings, but these items must come at least halfway between the crotch and knees.

**Substitute T-shirts, tracksuits, skirts or shorts will be provided. The offending item will be exchanged the following day upon return of school-provided substitute.**

### HATS

1. Blue Bucket hats are available for sale from the P & F School Wear Shop or the front office.
2. In Terms 1 & 4, students must have hats with them at recess and lunch times when outside. Hats must be worn when not under the covered ways.
3. Alternative hats may be worn, but they must have a full brim of 6cm.

**Students without hats or not wearing hats will be sent to an area outside office.**

### FOOTWEAR

1. Only safe, well-supported footwear.
   - Enclosed toe
   - Secured heel (when on tiptoes, the heel stays on.)
   - No Ugg Boots, slippers, thongs, sandals or flimsy slip-on shoes. Sticks should not be able to poke through the shoe.

**Students will not participate in any part of the school program until suitable footwear is worn.**

### MAKE UP

1. Years Prep – 9 NO makeup. Skin care cream to cover pimples is okay.
2. Senior School – subtle make-up appropriate for school. No extra application during the day.
3. Clear nail polish ONLY.

**Make-up and coloured nail polish will need to be removed before returning to class.**

### JEWELLERY & PIERCING

1. Primary School – one pair earrings, either studs or sleepers (2 cm drop rule), no bracelets or anklets.
2. Middle & Senior Schools – two pairs studs or sleepers (2 cm drop rule), no anklets, no chains on clothing.
3. No other facial jewellery PS & MS.
4. In SS, only a small discrete nose stud is permitted. No other piercing permitted, eg eyebrows, lip, etc (covered piercing is not acceptable).
6. Necklaces should be single, subtle and safe (but not allowed in PE or Manual Arts).

**Offending jewellery will be removed.**

### HAIR

1. Hair should not be outlandish and within range of natural hair colours.
2. Hair shouldn’t cover eyes and/ or fall over the face.
3. In PS and MS shoulder-length hair and longer must be tied back.
4. In SS, longer hair should be tied back for safety reasons.

### PE

1. Years 3 – 10 PE classes to have PE change (black shorts, no zips or buttons, tracksuit and green school sports top. No jeans allowed. Leggings for PE lessons only are allowed.
2. Runners (or other appropriate footwear must be worn)
3. Years 11 & 12 PE practical classes must change. Students have to change clothes (stored at school).
4. Prep – 2 parents to be aware of PE days and dress their child appropriately.
5. Compulsory wearing of Tribal coloured T-Shirt for all sports activities. These include weekly sports activities for Grades 3 – 6, all internal carnivals, and term-based Secondary Tribal Sports Days.
6. Competitors in inter-school activities must wear the MECS green sport T-shirt.

**Students will be sent to First Aid room 8:50 – 9:00 am. After that time, students will be sent to the office. DIN (Dress Infringement Notice) slips will be issued each time a student does not meet dress guidelines. Where possible a replacement clothing item will be issued for wearing for the rest of the day. The item must be returned the following day and the confiscated item will be returned.**