



31st October 2019

## Re: Dress Down Days and Appropriate Attire

Dear Secondary Parents, Students and Guardians,

As a school that celebrates the rich diversity of our community, we are always looking for ways in which our students can express themselves as individuals. Part of that expression comes in our occasional "Free-Dress" days where students are permitted to be out of school uniform for the day - (usually) for a small donation to one of our internal fundraising activities or charities.

In the past, we have given what we feel are clear guidelines around acceptable attire for students. However, we feel some students might not share our understanding on acceptability, particularly with regards to their choice and length of shorts.

Our school is comprised of many different cultures, traditions and religions, and students should consider how their choice in clothes might affect all members of our community - not just their immediate peers and classmates. Moving forward, we would ask parents, students and guardians to ensure that shorts are of an acceptable length and would be considered "appropriate" in a wide, community-minded regard.

**To clarify:** Shorts should be comparable in length to school issued shorts and skirts. In cases where shorts are too short and deemed to be inappropriate, we will be taking a similar approach to our school uniform policy and will be asking students to return home to change, and those who continually disregard the policy will lose future privileges for Free-Dress days.

If you are unsure about a choice of clothing you wish to wear, please seek clarification before you wear it to school. Should you have any questions about uniforms, free-dress and/or acceptability, please connect with our Dean of Students, Mr. Rob Newberry, at your convenience.

We thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,  
Rob Newberry  
Dean of Students  
Chatsworth Bukit Timah Campus