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6.12 Student Dress Code Policy

1. Policy

The board supports a dress code that is consistent with principles and values as portrayed in the Bible.

2. Philosophy

The goal of the KCA Dress Code is to help create an atmosphere that is conducive to education. We believe that dressing modestly and neatly are important aspects of promoting a Christ-centred learning community.

Our standards for dress and grooming are in keeping with the high Christian ideals that we seek to establish in those who attend our school. The code does not attempt to embrace every conceivable situation in the realm of dress but is meant to provide a reasonable standard for parents, faculty and students. The Scriptural support for a dress code may be found in 1Timothy 2:9,10; 1Timothy 4:12; 1Peter 3:3,4; and 1Corinthians 6:19---20.

3. Principles

- 3.1. The Bible enjoins us to dress modestly, and live not for ourselves but for others. Modesty refers not only to avoiding that which is sensual but also to avoiding that which calls attention to oneself.
- 3.2. The Bible teaches that we should recognize and honour the God---ordained distinctions between male and female.
- 3.3. Clothing should be appropriate for promoting the goal of academic excellence. It should therefore be comfortable for the wearer and not a distraction for others.
- 3.4. Good stewardship requires that clothing be practical and affordable.
- 3.5. When addressing breaches of dress code, issues should be dealt with respectfully and privately.

4. Student Dress Code

- 4.1. All Students
 - 4.1.1. All aspects of dress should be neat, clean, and modest.
 - 4.1.2. Midriffs are to be covered and undergarments are not to be visible.
 - 4.1.3. Sleeveless shirts are acceptable but must fully cover to the shoulder (ie: 3---4 finger widths).
 - 4.1.4. Shirts must have full backs.
 - 4.1.5. Shorts must be at mid---thigh or longer in length.
 - 4.1.6. Pants and shirts should not be excessively tight (ie: undergarments should not be evident).
 - 4.1.7. Leggings and more form fitting pants must be worn with tunic length shirts that cover bottoms.

- 4.1.8. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside the school building.
 - 4.1.9. Students in grades four to nine are required to wear approved gym strip for physical education activities (ie: KCA shirt with black shorts or sweatpants).
 - 4.1.10. Students in band or other music programs may be required to wear approved attire for performances (ie: Black pants with white or black shirt).
 - 4.1.11. Properly fastened, non-marking indoor shoes must be worn in the buildings and outdoor shoes worn outside at all times.
 - 4.1.12. No offensive printing or offensive pictures are allowed.
 - 4.1.13. Hair must be clean and tidy.
 - 4.1.14. Styles of hair, clothing, makeup, jewellery, and body piercings, etc. should be such as are generally acceptable to the majority of Christian
 - 4.1.15. believers. (See "Modesty" in Principles 6.1 above).
- 4.2. Female Students
- 4.2.1. Tops must fit properly and must conceal cleavage.
 - 4.2.2. Skirts and dresses must be modest in length (one hand width above the knee or longer).
 - 4.2.3. For swimming activities, modest one-piece bathing suits, tankinis or t-shirt cover-ups are required for female students.

5. Exceptions

- 5.1. Students may be asked to dress more formally for certain public events such as field trips, concerts, ministry groups, etc.
- 5.2. Students may be permitted to dress more casually for sporting events, retreats, etc.
- 5.3. Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special events (ie: Awards Night) at the discretion of the Principal, however it is expected that modesty will still be practiced.
- 5.4. Students who have identified individual needs (ie: sensory) may be exempt from specific dress code particulars, as identified in their individual education plans.

6. Accountability

- 6.1. It is expected that student will not push boundaries in relation to dress code. Whenever in doubt about suitability, students should err on the side of being conservative and modest.
- 6.2. Parents are to ensure that their children understand and abide by the Dress Code.
- 6.3. Teachers are to check during attendance that students are dressed appropriately. If students are not dressed appropriately for school they will be asked to change. If alternate attire is not available, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes to the school. (Note: In the case where the staff and student are different genders, an alternate staff member can be asked to speak with the student.)
- 6.4. Parents will be notified at the onset of any concerns regarding their child's attire at school.
- 6.5. Parents are expected to support the staff by talking to their children about dress code policy and modesty guidelines.
- 6.6. Administration will ensure that this policy is distributed to parents, students and staff and take appropriate disciplinary measures for repeat offenders.

6.7. If parents have questions or concerns about the dress code policy they will talk with Administration.