



**The Bay
Academy**

DRESS CODE

The Bay Academy has no uniform. Nevertheless, the school requires students to dress appropriately for a professional learning school environment. While the school takes pride in encouraging individual expression and allowing students the freedom to make their own choices, there is a need to have boundaries and set expectations.

However, setting detailed and prescriptive boundaries erodes the educational opportunity for a student to learn how to judge what is appropriate for any given situation or context.

In a school environment, students are therefore expected to dress appropriately for a school in South Africa.

As a guide, if a student's appearance attracts undue attention in the school, then this will be deemed to be problematic, and the student may be asked to alter their appearance. To this end, underwear being visible and cropped tops that allow mid-drift to be visible are not permitted. The image below is a guideline.

This policy may appear vague, and it is done deliberately. If the school was dictatorial in dress code, then the educational window of opportunity for a student to learn to make a life skill judgement on appearance is removed.

