

# They're dressed to impress for charity

**Broadrick Secondary School students enjoy 3-in-1 celebrations**

**W**HAT do you get when you combine Youth Day, Racial Harmony Day and The New Paper's Be Yourself Day?

Sheer joy of self expression.

Just ask the students of Broadrick Secondary School, which held the combined celebrations yesterday.

There was also an element of charity.

After all, The New Paper's Be Yourself Day is a day where students are encouraged to hang up their school uniform and dress creatively to express themselves while considering the less fortunate.

So students were more than willing to share by making a donation of any amount to the President's Challenge, a charity initiated by President S R Nathan in 2000. (See report, left.)

In celebration of Racial Harmony Day, Broadrick Secondary School came up with the theme Ethnic Costumes for students to celebrate their heritage.

To celebrate Youth Day, it came up with the theme, Favourite Sporting Personality, to honour the Youth Olympic spirit.

The students responded enthusiastically. One of them, Leon Ng, 15, was clad in his father's golfing attire.

"I used to play golf when I was younger, but I've stopped. I still like golf as a sport, though," he said.

But the Secondary 3 student admitted that his parents played a part in choosing the clothes for him.

"I asked them for suggestions so they decided on this suit for me because the colours are bright and it stands out from the crowd."

## Ethnic costumes

Others, like Secondary 2 student Lidiya Izzadi, 14, came dressed in an ethnic costume. The Malay student donned a cheongsam – the traditional Chinese costume for women – belonging to her mother.

Her efforts paid off when she was chosen to take part in a fashion show to showcase some of the best-dressed students of the day.

She said: "It turned out that I was the only Malay student who was wearing a cheongsam."

The student who drew the most applause was Secondary 3 student Arnold Starchan. The 15-year-old Indonesian drew wolf whistles and cheers as he sashayed down the runway in his Hawaiian costume.

He spared no effort in coming up with an elaborate costume, which won him third prize for the best-dressed award.

He wore a Hawaiian shirt, a grass skirt made of raffia string and a garland of fake flowers.

The best-dressed award went to a Secondary 1 student who wore a traditional Korean costume.

– Jovita Chua, newsroom intern



**BEST DRESSED:**  
(Left) Secondary 2 student Lidiya Izzadi in a cheongsam. (Right) Secondary 3 student Arnold Starchan in a Hawaiian costume.

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## Celebrate individuality, ditch uniforms for a day

**B**REAK out of uniformity and celebrate creativity. This is what The New Paper's Be Yourself Day is all about.

It is an initiative started by The New Paper to celebrate individuality and for students to leave their uniforms at home for a day.

Schools are free to choose the day, where students can dress as they like while contributing to a good cause.

Their donations go to the Presi-

dent's Challenge, which was mooted by President S R Nathan, and will benefit 37 different charities.

This is the 10th year The New Paper has been involved in the President's Challenge and the eighth year it is organising Be Yourself Day, which has raised almost \$1 million so far.

Interested schools can visit [www.beyourselfday.com.sg](http://www.beyourselfday.com.sg) or call Ms Chok Huey Juuan at 6319 1518 for details.