



Look Special

Steal these secrets for those special school functions.

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BEFORE



As a "Gabay" for Sa Aklat Sisikat, Sol has gone as far as Baguio to conduct a workshop for teachers on how to implement the SAS Reading Program at their school. She's been a respected teacher since 1973. Can our pros give her a makeover that doesn't make her look bagets?

Always on the go, Mrs. Sol Austria's beauty and fashion regimen is strictly wash-and-wear. But as a Master Teacher I and Sa Aklat Sisikat Teacher Trainor, she attends quite a lot of school functions and conducts seminars, too. How can she look special with-

out spending too much time, and also, as she puts it, without looking like she's going to a wedding? Beauty and fashion specialists Barbi Chan of Salon Paradiso, Cherry Pacheco-Uy, and Germaine Pacheco, give her tips on looking her best without going overboard.

FASHION FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

BY CHERRY PACHECO-UY

In a teacher's world where everyone must dress alike, it's tempting to over-accessorize just to stand out, even going as far as to put on *everything* you have for special occasions! Here are key points to remember the next time you have a school function:

- Avoid very gold, gaudy jewelry. Yellow gold tends to age a person and can make *morena* skin look darker. Try silver, silver-toned or white-gold jewelry. The look is more youthful (read: not matronly), and complements the Filipina's skin tone.
- Expensive jewelry that obliges you to pay in "gives" doesn't guarantee a seat at the head of the class. Try silver, or fresh water pearls. Silver is a semi-precious metal that looks as regal as white gold. It will need constant polishing, but won't necessarily hurt your wallet. Fresh water pearls are sold all over *tiangges*. They are less perfect than cultured round pearls, but are nevertheless genuine. Prices start from P100 per strand.
- Stockings/pantyhose are no longer a must during formal occasions. If you have imperfections you wish to conceal, by all means, wear some hose...BUT: only if you're wearing *closed-toe shoes*. Open-toe sandals and pantyhose do not belong together. If you really must wear stockings and at the same time want to wear sexy heels, then opt for closed-toe slingbacks or mules. It's like a pump in front, but exposed in the back.
- Shoes make or break an outfit. For semi-formal school function, uniform required: do change into higher heels if you prefer, but still closed-toe. For semi-formal/formal school

event, civilian: do wear what suits your outfit (see stockings): pumps, strappy heels, slides, slingbacks, etc.

Breaking it down: what do these "attires" mean?

SEMI-FORMAL: Usually means something dressier than ordinary jeans and a T-shirt. A nice blouse or button-down shirt, paired with dressy slacks or skirt. Or if you prefer dresses, something knee-length, NOT full length. You can go a bit shiny or glittery, especially for evening, but keep it to just the top or bottom, your bag or shoes. Closed- or open-toe shoes.

BUSINESS FORMAL: Suits are a must, usually in a dark shade like black or navy blue. Either pants-suit or skirt with matching blazer. Closed-toe shoes required.

FORMAL: Usually reserved for evening, this means something long and/or shimmering. You can wear pants/slacks, but usually accompanied by a matching jacket/blazer, or a pretty blouse in a dressy fabric like chiffon, silk, satin, organza and the like.

ABOUT THE WRITER:

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Looking confident, young and full of energy, Sol wonders: Will her fellow teachers at Bilaran Elementary School in Nasugbu, Batangas recognize her?

- **Eyes:** Avon True Color Eyeshadow in Tropic Coral and Canvas
- **Cheeks:** Avon True Color Powder Blush in Coral Myth
- **Lips:** Avon Plumping Lipcolor in Sienna and Avon Ultra Color Rich in Bahamas Bronze
- **Foundation:** Avon Beyond Color Perfecting Powder in Natural Beige, finished with Avon Oil Control Pressed Powder in Oriental
- **Top:** Orange tailored shirt with embroidery detail by Julia at Robinsons Department Store.
- **Accessories:** Imitation pearls by Karutora at Robinsons Department Store.



What a difference even imitation pearls can make! Sol, wearing the same uniform, goes from simple to smart with these small accessories.



Sol's jet black hair is cellophaned to make it lighter. According to Barbi, black na black looks old. Sol also gets bangs for a more upbeat look.



Barbi instructs Sol to avoid bright-colored makeup like pure red and fuschia, and anything that shimmers, since these emphasize wrinkles. Filipinas with more mature skin should also stay away from makeup with blue tones. Instead, they should opt for warm tones like coral, peach and brown.



Sol gets an instant facelift when her brows are tamed. Unruly eyebrows, Barbi says, bring the face down. Sol's eyebrows are finished off with brown eyebrow pencil, not black, to soften her look.

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