

## **Expected Behaviours**

Students are to be in full dress code every day upon arrival and entrance into the school until they leave the property.

While in the school building and on Saint Mary Catholic Secondary School property, there will be no changing into other attire during school lunch hours or spares. (Students on Co-op are required to abide by the above.) This pertains to all articles of clothing including footwear.

Coats and/or jackets are not to be worn in the library, cafeteria, hallways or the foyer. Coats and/or jackets will not be a substitute for a school sweater at any time.

Baseball caps, hats, bandanas, head wraps (or other inappropriate headwear) are not permitted during school hours. If students choose to wear these items to and from school, they are to keep them in their lockers or personal knapsacks.

When students are going on a field trip where civies have been granted, the students should bring their school uniform in the event of the cancellation of the trip.

School uniform items, as outlined in the school dress code policy, must be purchased from Bombardieri, be unaltered (hems removed etc.), and be on the approved list which follows:

- Footwear:**
1. All footwear must have closed toes and heels.
  2. With the kilt, only solid black footwear is to be worn. This includes any laces or details on the footwear.
  3. With pants and shorts, footwear with dominant colours of black, navy or white will be permitted. This includes any laces.
  4. No sandals or boots are permitted. No patterned shoes such as checkerboard, stripes, etc.

- Socks:**
1. With pants or shorts, navy or white socks must be worn.
  2. Navy or white socks only for males and females.
  3. Females wearing kilts must wear navy or black tights only. Tights must cover foot entirely.
  4. No patterned, torn, sheer or ripped tights allowed.

- Pants:**
1. Only school pants are to be worn.
  2. No frayed or cut-off bottoms allowed.
  3. Pants must be worn at the top of the hips or waist with unadorned solid black or navy belt.
  4. Suspenders are not allowed.
  5. No undergarments are to be visible.

**Walking Shorts:** School walking (just above the knee) shorts may be worn under the following conditions:

1. No frayed or cut off bottoms allowed.
2. Shorts must be worn at the top of the hips or waist with unadorned solid black or navy belt.

- Kilt:**
1. (For females) Available through the supplier in either 19inch or 25 inch length. The kilt should be of a modest length (approximately 5 - 10 cm or 2 - 4 inches above the knee). It is recommended that hems not be cut since adherence to proper length will be

maintained.

2. If a female student is addressed on more than two occasions for inappropriate length of kilt, then she will lose the privilege of wearing a kilt for the duration of that semester and will be required to wear uniform pants.

- Oxford White Shirts:**
1. Shirts must be tucked in at all times (not rolled under) and buttoned up.
  2. Only the top button may be undone.
  3. No undergarments are to be visible.

- Polo /Golf Shirts:**
1. Only white, gold, and navy undershirts may be worn. (no patterns, logos or ads)
  2. Undershirts must be tucked in.

- Zippered Jackets:**
1. These uniform jackets are for warmth and must be worn over a school shirt.

**Physical Education Uniform:** These items may be worn only during physical education classes. They are not part of the school uniform.

School Issue sweaters, ruggers, turtle necks and French cut blouses may also be worn.

Students who participate in school sponsored field trips must be in full Saint Mary Catholic Secondary School uniform while on the field trip, unless an exception is made by a Vice-Principal.

### **Dress Code for Civics Day**

The key is to be neat, clean, modest and presentable for a Catholic educational setting at all times. Common sense is important.

**Shorts:** Must be reasonable in length – cut off shorts and short shorts are unacceptable. Physical education shorts, cycling shorts, spandex shorts, etc., are also unacceptable.

**Skirts:** Must be modest and reasonable in length.

**Pants:** Must be neat and clean to be acceptable. Excessive patches and holes are unacceptable.

**Tops:** Must be appropriate. Bare midriff, muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps and low necks are unacceptable – logos must be appropriate for a Catholic high school.

**Shoe:** Shoes must be worn.

Hats are to be removed upon entering the building. No hats are to be worn at any time.

### **Reasons for Expected Behaviour**

The integrity of the school uniform must be preserved, not only in the items that comprise it, but also in the way it is worn and presented. The uniform must be clean and neat at all times. There is to be no deviation from the clothing items described. Good grooming, acceptable personal hygiene and adherence to the Dress Code are sure ways of demonstrating respect for oneself and others.

In the interest of preserving the integrity of the school Dress Code and a positive image of the school in the community, any accessory or manner of presentment which the school administration views as compromising in terms of the Dress Code will not be permitted. In particular, excessive

personal adornment (i.e. facial piercing, jewelry, excessive make-up and/or hair spikes) will not be permitted if they are deemed by administration to be a distraction from the learning environment. The Dress Code identifies a student as a member of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School. It offers enough variation to allow students to demonstrate their individuality.

### **Consequences of Misbehaviours**

Any student who arrives at school in violation of the dress code must report to the Vice Principal's office prior to attending class. Students who are out of uniform must have a note from home to receive an exemption slip for the day. Repeated exemptions will result in a letter being sent home to a student's parents outlining the school Dress Code, and will be followed by detentions. Persistent violations may result in a suspension.

Students out of uniform will be given dress code assignments. On the third occurrence, a letter will be sent home to parents. On subsequent infractions, the student will be removed from his/her classes until s/he complies with the school uniform policy.

Any student wearing a hat, cap, head band or head covering in the school building at any time will be asked by a staff member to remove it and shall deliver the item to such staff member. The item will be held and, upon request by the student, may be returned by the Vice Principal at an appropriate time.

Anyone in jeans or sweatpants on a uniform day will spend the day in the Attendance Office. As well, anyone wearing the following items on a civies day will spend the day in the Attendance Office: cut-off jeans, jeans with holes, any garment bearing a reference to sex, alcohol, drugs or violence, halter tops, tube or crop tops. This Code also applies on exam days.