
Dress Code Policy

Overall Expectations:

Each student is expected to dress consistently with his or her role and task. Students must conform to the Dress Code Expectations throughout the school day and for all school activities. This includes, but is not limited to, Learning Dialogues, all school events, travel and participation in school trips, all practices and games for a sports team, and all sporting events.

Students at King's are expected to seek modesty in their attire, reflecting the ideals and values of the school. The use of jewelry, body piercing, tattoos and physical accessories are outward expressions of inner attitudes and intentions. As outward expressions of inner purposes, they have an effect on the environment in which they are used.

Detailed Dress-Code Expectations:

- All students will comply with these expectations throughout the school day, including before school, the lunch hour and at the end of the school day.
- All shirts, blouses or sweaters must be King's uniform wear. Only two buttons may be undone on buttoned garments. A pure white undergarment or T-shirt may be worn under tops.
- All undergarments must be tucked in, with no layers showing.
- All pants and shorts must have the McCarthy Label embroidered or attached.
- Pants and shirts must be worn so that no skin is visible at the waist.
- Pant length may not be altered to a Capri length.
- Gym uniforms are to be worn for gym classes and sport-team practices, and may not be worn in the classroom. Team jerseys and team uniforms may not be worn during the school day.
- Students may wear dress shoes or running shoes of their choice.
- No hats or hoods may be worn in the school at any time. Coats, jackets and/or hats are to be kept in your locker throughout the day.
- King's shorts (or track-pants) and T-shirts must be worn for all physical education classes and for all school team activities, including practices.
- School uniforms will be worn for school outings including field trips and team excursions.
- Tints or dyes used for hair colour must be consistent with natural colour.

Thematic Dress Days:

On occasion, the Student Council may plan a Thematic Dress day. Students will choose attire that reflects a desire to be respectful of self, others and God, as becoming of a Christian. The following expectations will be in place for Thematic Dress Days:

- Attire that is revealing or embarrassing to others is not permissible. Students are expected to exercise discretion in clothing selection.
- The skirt length must reach within four finger widths of the top of the kneecap when standing tall.
- Pants, shirts and skirts must be worn so that no skin is visible at the waist.
- The clothing may not display logos that depict alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or may not contain sexually explicit or suggestive images or text.
- The clothing may not display statements or groups that show disrespect for self, others or God.
- Hats are not permitted as a component of Thematic Dress Day attire.

Personal Adornments:

Visible tattoos, body piercing including lip rings, tongue piercing, eyebrow rings and studs, excessive jewelry and heavy chains are not permitted at King's. Permitted piercings must be of a thin post variety.

In addition to the items listed above, it is at the discretion of the administration to decide what personal adornment is acceptable.

Uniform Infractions:

Infractions will be considered defiance and will be processed accordingly. In such cases, the student will purchase the required articles of clothing, including gym uniforms, from the office and will be charged the cost and an administrative fee. Items contrary to the uniform policy that are confiscated before December 1 will be returned to the owner, upon request, on the day before Christmas Holidays. Items confiscated after December 1 will be returned to the owner, upon request, at the completion of the last June examination.

Students with infractions will be given the following options:

- Change into clothing that complies with the dress-code policy;
- Borrow from a friend;
- Phone home to obtain proper clothing, or
- Purchase available clothing from our used uniform inventory in school.

Students with repeated infractions can expect any of the following actions:

- re-reading of Uniform Expectations;
- re-commitment to compliance of Uniform Expectations;
- a permanent record filed;
- a phone call home;
- the purchase of appropriate uniform item(s);
- suspension.