

# MACLAREN UNIFORM

UPPER SCHOOL: BOYS

*MacLaren students wear a simple uniform and follow a conservative dress code, both to eliminate distraction and to create a school identity.*

*Our uniform guidelines are specific. They are not moral or personal judgements. In order to maintain a uniform, it is helpful to draw clear lines between what is inside and outside the dress code. These lines are intended to provide clarity to students, parents and teachers.*

*Parents and students are encouraged to use the deans as resources. Can't find a comfortable pair of pants that fit within the dress code? Can't find shoes that support your feet and fall within the dress code? Confused about school-appropriate hairstyles? The deans have experience in all these matters and are eager to help. Send us an email or talk with us in person!*

*MacLaren does not discriminate on the basis of race, and as such will allow students to wear hairstyles that commonly or historically associated with their particular race or ethnicity. Please reach out to the Head of School if you think this applies to you.*

# Dress Code Categories

1. Jewelry
2. Hair
3. Sunglasses and Hats
4. Body Piercings and Tattoos
5. Uniform Items

# Jewelry

- Boys – Bracelets, earrings, neck chains and other jewelry are not allowed for boys. This includes rubber wristbands.
- Wearing a wristwatch is acceptable.
- Students may appeal to the Dean of Boys for permission to wear items of religious significance, but if physically possible, such items should be worn underneath the clothing
- Not Acceptable:



# Hair Color

- Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color.
- Radical changes in hair color during the school year are unacceptable.



# Hair Cuts

- Hair must be cut so that it does not hang down into the eyes. Hair cannot extend over the shirt collar in the back or over the ears on the sides. The difference in lengths of hair may be no more than 2 inches.
- Sideburns may come to the bottom of the ear or shorter.
- No part of the head may be shaved, including undercuts or severe fades.
- Shaggy hair is prohibited.
- Not Acceptable:



# Hair Cuts Continued

- It is the responsibility of parents and students to maintain a short haircut throughout the school year
- In order to uphold this expectation, frequent hair cuts are necessary
  - Students should have a haircut once a quarter at minimum
- It is the responsibility of students at every grade level to honor this expectation. Frequent reminders from faculty should not be necessary
- Acceptable:



# Facial Hair

- Boys must be clean shaven every day.
- Students may not have visible facial hair. It is the responsibility of students at every grade level to honor this expectation. Frequent reminders from faculty should not be necessary.
- Parents should be attentive to sons' facial hair and make sure students are clean shaven daily.

# Personal Hygiene

- In the adolescent years, boys should develop good habits of personal hygiene. Out of consideration for others, boys should be mindful of coming to school fresh and clean each day.
- Boys should take responsibility for showering, having tidy hair, and wearing personal deodorant without frequent reminders from parents or teachers.
- Axe Body Spray and other strongly-scented sprays are not permitted at school.
  - Boys are welcome to reapply stick-style deodorant in the restroom after recess, but should not reapply deodorant in the hallways.

# Sunglasses and Hats

- Sunglasses are not to be worn within the school building during school hours, with the exception of prescription glasses that change in the light.
- Hats (caps, visors, beanies, bandanas, etc.) may not be worn except on designated days.

# Body Piercings and Tattoos

- Visible body piercing, tongue rings/barbells or “gauging” of the ears are not allowed and must be removed during school.
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.
- Students may not draw on themselves or write on themselves. It is the responsibility of students at every grade level to honor this expectation. Frequent reminders from faculty should not be necessary.

# Uniform Items

- Students must be in uniform all day
  - Students must take off non-MacLaren outerwear when they arrive at school in the morning
  - Non-MacLaren outerwear is permitted at recess
  - Non-MacLaren outerwear may not be worn when walking between buildings for class
- Students may not change out of uniform before being picked up
  - Students who work or have after school activities must change when they arrive at their destination
  - Exception: students may change before participating in MacLaren athletic events

# Outerwear

- Students must purchase either a MacLaren sweater or fleece from French Toast.
  - These are also available at a substantial discount from the retail prices at used uniform sales.
- Students may not wear non-MacLaren outerwear at school, and the building is sometimes too cold to go without layers.



# Uniform Shirts

- Students may wear short- or long-sleeve polos from French Toast
  - Middle school students wear maroon
  - High school students wear white
- Students may wear white undershirts under their polos. No other color undershirt is permitted.
  - No long-sleeve undershirts may be worn under short-sleeve polos
- Students should button at least the bottom button of the polo
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# Uniform Pants

- All boys' pants must be khaki straight-leg pants, flat-front or pleated. No logo. Pant length must be just below the ankle with a simple hem, no cuff.
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# Uniform Pants

- No cargo pants. No decorations, no brassy buttons, no jean-like material.
- No external or “patch” pockets.
- Pants must fit with a 1-2” ease around the hips; not too tight not too loose.

*Patch pockets – pockets sewn  
onto the exterior of pants’ seat*



# Uniform Shorts

- All boys' shorts must be khaki, pleated or flat front walking shorts, no logo.
- Inseam should not go past the top of the knee.
- No cargo shorts; no jean-like material.
- Patch pockets are also not permitted on shorts.



# Belts

- Plain, simple dark brown or black leather or leather-like belt (flat or braided) with plain buckle;
- Belts are NOT optional with pants and shorts
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:



# Shoes

- Shoes must be entirely black, brown or cordovan, including the soles and laces
- Acceptable styles include: tie or slip-ons
- Material must be leather or leather-like
- Closed-toe, closed-heel
- Athletic-style shoes are not permitted. Dress shoes required.
- Acceptable:





# Shoes

- No athletic shoes, sandals, including Birkenstocks, Vans, Converse, Nike and Adidas, even if they are all black.
- No cloth shoes or sport boots of any kind, or shoes that look like slippers.
- Not Acceptable:



# Socks

- Solid white, black, or khaki quarter crew, crew, or knee-high socks (no logo).
- Short socks must rise above the ankle.
- Acceptable:



Not Acceptable:

