Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are dressed in accordance with the dress code policy. When there is a change to the dress code (specifically, the introduction of a new uniform item), there will be a transition period during which time the item being replaced may still be worn. ALL new uniform items must be purchased directly through the school's contracted uniform provider, Lands' End. Their contact information can be found on the school website.

## 1901. Philosophy of the Dress Code

The dress code is designed to help students develop a sense of modesty and decorum. It should educate them on what is appropriate dress for the proper time and place. It is the responsibility of the Administration, and the Faculty of Serra to regulate against and prevent the adoption of exaggerated or faddish hairstyles, clothing, jewelry or any accessories that tend to draw attention to the wearer. The school does not see this as an infringement on personal fashion desires, for the student has many off-campus hours to dress as he or she wishes. However, attending Serra is a privilege, and the school expects its students to conform to a consistent and acceptable dress code.

## **General Dress**

- ALL School Uniform items must be purchased through Lands' End
- Previously owned Dennis uniforms are also permitted.

Regular Uniform Dress	Any article of clothing from Lands' End or Dennis Uniforms.  Girls' skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
Formal Uniform Dress (Masses/prayer Services/Retreats) Preschool is not required to have a formal uniform.	<ul> <li>Required Girls' Formal Uniform TK – Grade 8</li> <li>A white short-sleeve shirt</li> <li>A sweater: either navy long-sleeve, sweater vest, or a navy cardigan.</li> <li>Skirt: a plaid skirt, skort, or a plaid jumper.</li> <li>Pants: a pair of khaki pants or navy</li> <li>White knee socks</li> <li>Required Boys' Formal Uniform TK – Grade 8</li> <li>A white short-sleeve shirt</li> <li>A sweater: either a navy long-sleeve V-neck pullover, or a navy sweater vest</li> <li>A pair of khaki pants or navy</li> <li>Socks in navy or white</li> <li>A black belt- required for grades 3-8 only</li> </ul>
Non Uniform Dress (Free Dress)	Dress attire includes appropriate clothing in the following fashion:  • jeans, pants, shorts (no shorter than mid-thigh)  • T-shirts, button-down shirts, blouses, sweatshirts

	<ul> <li>skirts, dresses (no shorter than mid-thigh)</li> </ul>
	The following are not permitted on non uniform dress days:
	<ul> <li>baggy or oversized clothing</li> <li>tight or revealing clothing</li> <li>no leggings unless the shirt length reaches mid thigh</li> <li>torn/ripped clothing</li> <li>sweats and pajamas</li> <li>socks and shoes must be worn according to the uniform dress code regulations</li> <li>writing and images on clothing not in accordance with Christian decency</li> <li>pants/skirts/shorts not worn at the natural waist, clothing, tank, halter, mini dress/skirt, low cut, exposed or bare midriff or back, revealing neckline, backless or spaghetti top</li> <li>Clothing that is not clean, neat and free from damage (i.e. no frayed edges, cut-off sleeves, holes, ripped/torn etc.)</li> <li>Short shorts or cut-offs</li> <li>Over the knee socks, fishnet stockings</li> <li>Wallet chains</li> </ul>
Socks and Shoes	<ul> <li>must always be worn on campus and at all school events and activities</li> <li>sock color should complement the school uniform (preferably navy, white, gray, black, and khaki)</li> <li>must be closed at the heel and toe</li> <li>must be in neat condition</li> <li>must fit securely on the foot</li> <li>athletic shoes must be worn on PE days</li> <li>extreme or faddish shoes are not permitted, including but not limited to boots, slippers, sandals, shoes with rollers/wheels on the bottom, high heeled shoes and platform shoes</li> </ul>
PE Uniform Dress	<ul><li>PE uniform shorts</li><li>PE uniform shirts</li><li>Athletic shoes</li></ul>
Athletic Game Days	School uniform bottoms and jersey
School Dances	School free dress or specially approved attire

Field Trips	Grade level specially approved attire
Extracurricular field trips	School free dress guidelines
Red Ribbon Week (RRW)	School uniform bottoms and approved tops according to theme (to be announced prior to RRW)
Catholic Schools Week (CSW)	School uniform bottoms and approved tops according to theme (to be announced prior to CSW)

## **General Grooming Code**

Girls' Grooming	<ul> <li>Stud earrings may be worn in the earlobe only; No facial piercings.</li> <li>Bangs may not touch the eyebrow.</li> <li>Extreme changes in hair color or 2-toned color is not permitted</li> <li>Extreme or faddish hairstyles are not permitted</li> <li>Nail polish and light makeup is only permitted in Grade 8</li> </ul>
Boys' Grooming	<ul> <li>Earrings/Piercing are not permitted</li> <li>Hair cannot touch the eyebrows, go over the ears, or touch the top of the collar</li> <li>Hair must be neat and evenly tapered so as to blend into the short side</li> <li>Shaved lines or designs are not permitted in hair</li> <li>Extreme or faddish hairstyles are not permitted</li> <li>Extreme changes in hair color or 2-toned color is not permitted</li> <li>Faces must be clean shaven</li> </ul>

## **Disclaimers**

In all instances, the school reserves the right of regulating against unbecoming fads or fashions that reflect negatively on the school, the person or do not reflect standards of Christian decency.

The Administration has the discretion and final judgment regarding the appropriateness of any clothing or grooming.