

# MacLaren Uniform

Boys

2025-2026

*MacLaren students wear a simple, attractive uniform for several reasons, including the following:*

- 1) Uniforms help to create a school identity and cohesive school culture;*
- 2) Uniforms lend an air of dignity and professionalism to the work of school;*
- 3) Uniforms cut down on distraction and social pressure around clothing;*
- 4) Uniforms promote school safety by making visitors easier to identify; and*
- 5) Uniforms make life easier for students and families.*

*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 are 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 may wear **one bracelet on each wrist and one small necklace**. Bracelet may not be a rubber wristband. No anklets may be worn.
- Pendants should not be large or elaborate; they should be not much larger than an inch in length, width, or diameter. No chokers, shells, or large or elaborate chain-link may be worn.
- **Boys may wear one ring on each hand.**
- No piercings are permitted for boys. Spacers will not be allowed; non-approved piercings will need to be removed during the school day.
- An object that has a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (i.e. animal chains or collars, specialized ear jewelry, safety pins or tacks). Spikes are not allowed on shoes or clothing
- Smart Watches (Apple, Fitbit, Garmin, etc.) are not allowed to be worn.

# Jewelry - In uniform:



# Jewelry- Not in uniform:



# Watches - In uniform



# Watches - Not in uniform

No smart watches (Apple, Fitbit, Garmin, Android, etc.)



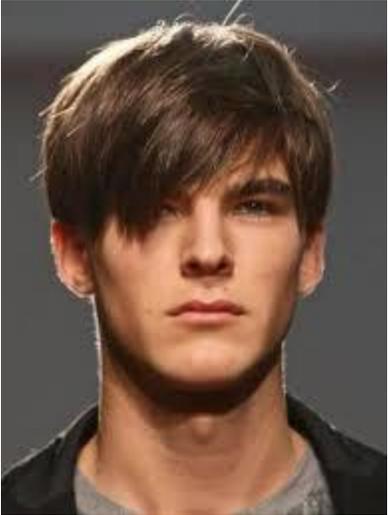
# Hair

- Hair should be maintained in a clean, neat (out of the face and away from the eyes), and professional manner at all times.
- Only natural colors are allowed.
- No radical styles or colors that distract from the learning environment. No undercuts; no mohawks or faux hawks; no mullets; no design/pattern cuts, symbols, or shapes of any kind shaved on the head; no top-knots.
- **Hair below the shoulder must be pulled back in a neat and non-distracting manner.**
- Boys must be clean shaven every day. Sideburns can come to the bottom of the ear or shorter.
- No makeup or nail polish.

# Hair - In uniform:



# Hair - Not in uniform:



# 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.
- Headwear (caps, visors, beanies, bandanas, etc.) may only be worn outside. (See Field Day page for exceptions).

# Body Piercings and Tattoos

- Visible body piercing, tongue rings/barbells, or “gauging” of the ears is not allowed and must be removed during school and school-related activities.
- No tattoos, temporary or permanent, may be visible during school or school-related activities. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.

# 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, or, a MacLaren crewneck sweatshirt from Cole Brands.
  - These are also available at a substantial discount from the retail prices at used uniform sales.



# 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



# New for Juniors and Seniors!

Tie/vest can only be worn with Oxford (not polo).

Oxford may be worn by itself, with tie only, or with vest only



# Uniform Pants

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



Not in uniform:



# Uniform Pants cont.

- No cargo pants. No jean-like material. No external/patch pockets.
- Pants must fit modestly, with a 1-2” ease around the hips. Not too tight—not too loose. Pants may not be pulled down below the hips. Pants may not be rolled or cuffed.

*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.
- Shorts should be no shorter than two inches above the knee and no longer than the middle of the knee cap.
- No cargo shorts; no jean-like material.



# Belts

- Plain, simple dark brown or black leather belt (flat or braided) with plain buckle.
- Belts are NOT optional.
- In uniform:

Not in uniform:



# Shoes – In uniform

- Entirely black, brown, or cordovan (soles and laces) dress shoes or dressy ankle boots, ties, flats or slip-ons, leather or leather-like. Closed-toe, closed-heel.



# Shoes – Not in uniform

- No heels over 1”.
- No logos should appear on the shoes.
- No athletic shoes, sandals, cloth shoes, sport/work boots, boots with a casual sole, shoes that look like slippers, or boots above the ankle.



# Socks

- With pants or shorts: solid white, black, or khaki quarter crew, crew or dress socks (no logo). Short socks must rise above the ankle. No anklets or low sport socks
- In uniform:

Not in uniform:

