

BOYS UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

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

A. Dress Code

Jewelry: 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.

- Boys- Bracelets, earrings, neck chains and other jewelry are not allowed for boys. 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.

Make up:

- Boys- No makeup is allowed for boys. Nail polish is not allowed for boys. As all students play a stringed instrument, nails should be kept short.

Hair:

- Boys- Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color. Radical changes in hair color during the school year are unacceptable. 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 can 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. Boys must be clean shaven every day.

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/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.

When in doubt, a student should seek the counsel of the appropriate Dean for guidance regarding the dress code. A Dean may seek the Head of School’s decision regarding a judgment in dress; the Head of School’s decision is considered final.

Outerwear:

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

B. Uniform

Uniform Vendor:

- 1) French Toast 1-800-FRENCHTOAST www.frenchtoast.com
- 2) Land’s End 1-800-963-4816 www.landsend.com

The items that may only be purchased through French Toast are listed below with an asterisk. The other items listed may be purchased through French Toast if you desire, or you may purchase them through another

vendor/store of your choice, as long as they adhere to the guidelines set forth below. Many items may be purchased at Land's End, but please note that shirts, skirts, sweaters and fleeces may not be purchased there.

To access our school page at French Toast, go to www.frenchtoast.com. In the box on the right side of the page where it says "enter school source code", type in "QS5SFIW" and press enter. This will take you to our school's page. Whenever you order from French Toast, please use this code and French Toast will donate a percentage of our sales back to the school.

To access our school page at Land's End, go to www.landsend.com, click on "School Uniforms", go to the lower left hand box to "Look Up Your School" and use the following code number to see the approved items list: Code 900148131.

Boy's Uniform

*Shirt: Must be purchased through French Toast

- **Grades 6-8: maroon** pique polo shirt with "Thomas MacLaren" stitching, short-sleeved or long-sleeved
- **Grades 9-12: white** pique polo shirt with "Thomas MacLaren" stitching, short-sleeved or long-sleeved

Undershirts:

- Plain, white t-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform shirts in cold weather. (No turtlenecks or long-sleeved shirts under short-sleeved polos.)

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.
- 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.

Shorts:

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

Belt:

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

*Sweater: Must be purchased through French Toast

- Maroon V-neck button-down sweater with "Thomas MacLaren" stitching
- Non-approved outerwear will not be permitted unless student is outside.

Fleece: Fleeces purchased in 2009-2017 are allowed. Fleece options for 2017-2018 will be available in the fall. Grey MacLaren hoodies are spirit wear and are not part of the uniform.

- Maroon fleece with "Thomas MacLaren logo"
- Non-approved outerwear will not be permitted unless student is outside.

Shoes:

- Entirely black, brown or cordovan (soles and laces) dress shoes, ties, flats or slip-ons, leather or leather-like. Closed-toe, closed-heel. No heels over 1". No logos should appear on the shoes. NO athletic shoes, sandals, including Birkenstocks, Vans, Converse, Nike and Adidas, "skater shoes," cloth shoes or sport boots of any kind, or shoes that look like slippers. No boots or booties.

Socks:

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

- **With shorts:** solid white quarter crew or crew socks (no logo). Short socks must rise above the ankle. No anklets or low sport socks.