



## **Student Dress code (Uniform Policy)**

**Loreto Secondary School, St Michael's  
64370T**

**Within a positive environment based on Christian values, and with a strong social justice focus, St. Michael's students are encouraged to avail of all opportunities to develop to their true creative, academic, personal and spiritual potential.**

### **1. Rationale**

Loreto Secondary School, St Michael's upholds the values of Mary Ward, focussing on each student as an individual. This individuality is not dependent on external jewellery, clothing or hair styles but is manifested in the development of independent thought processes, articulate voices and informed decision-making in relation to behaviours. Our uniform is designed therefore not to showcase individuality, personal taste or friend group preferences nor to highlight the differences in financial or societal circumstances of the wearers but rather to ensure maximum inclusivity of all students through agreed sameness.

### **2. Associated Documents**

School code of behaviour  
Health and safety policy

### **3. Official School Uniform**

- a. *White Uniform Shirt* - of reasonable quality and non-transparent when worn without jumpers or blazer. A short sleeved shirt should be permitted in the warmer months.
- b. *Official school tie* - this must be worn when the student chooses not to wear a jumper
- c. *Official school Jumper with crest*
- d. *Official school skirt or trousers*
- e. *White Socks or black tights* - Standard socks only, no visible logos permitted in the interest of sameness and equality.
- f. *Suitable flat black or brown school shoes (no runners or pumps)*
- g. *Official School blazer* (optional)
- h. *Official school scarf* (optional)

### **PE Uniform**

- a. School tracksuit
- b. School Shorts
- c. White cotton collared shirt (no visible logos permitted)
- d. Runners (suitable for conducting exercise in)

### **4. Hair and makeup**

Only natural hair colouring and make-up are permitted.

Eyeshadows, blushes, lip liners, lipstick, eyeliner, false eyelashes and fake tan are not permitted. Eyebrows must be natural looking.

For both health and safety, hygiene and work reasons, students may not wear acrylic or gel or any false nail type to school. In some subjects, such as Art, Home Economics, Science and Computer classes, these types of nails prevent students from participating fully in class.

Hairstyles must be neat, appropriate and practical to the school setting. Hair should not cover students' eyes as it impedes communication. Students may be requested to tie their hair back in some practical subjects for health and safety reasons.

### **5. Accessories**

Jewellery should be safe for daily school life, safe meaning not posing a safety hazard eg sharp, chunky, dangling or posing risks to self or others. Students are permitted to wear one set of simple stud earrings in the lobes of the ears and one additional stud elsewhere in the ear (i.e. 3 studs in total). Non standard piercings such as nose, face and tongue piercings are not permitted.

Additional jewellery should remain minimal: It may consist of no more than one wrist watch, up to two rings, one simple chain which must be worn under the uniform for health and safety reasons and small and simple non-invasive bracelet or bangle.

Students are advised to not bring jewellery deemed 'important' to them to school as they may be asked to remove it during the day for certain practical subjects eg. remove a ring for cooking or PE class. This could lead to the jewellery being misplaced.

Hair accessories must be discreet and in line with the colour of the school uniform (for example wine, black, white, red or yellow). Patterned or printed scarves are not permitted. The wearing of hats is not permitted inside the building.

Hijabs and other headwear must be plain black, wine or white only in order to complement the uniform. These should be neat and no longer than shoulder length, otherwise, tucked in at the neck of the jumper.

## **6. Implementation and examples of sanctions**

All students must be present in full uniform each school day. In the interest of fairness, this rule must be strictly implemented.

Students who do not present to school in full uniform may not be allowed to attend class until the problem is rectified.

Students will be given guidance on how to rectify the breach and a certain amount of time to resolve it. The amount of time is at the discretion of the Year Head and/or senior management.

Any accessories or jewellery items which are not part of the school uniform will be confiscated.

Any student presenting with accessories or jewellery that is deemed to be in breach of the uniform policy will be asked to remove such items immediately. Failure to cooperate with the request will be seen as a serious breach of the schools code of behaviour.

***This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Loreto Secondary School, St Michael's, Navan on \_\_\_\_\_***

***It will be reviewed every year or less should the Board of Management think it necessary in light of changed or amended legislation. Any review will continue to be guided by the school's characteristic spirit and commitment to its responsibilities under data protection legislation.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Liz Cogan (Chairperson)

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Principal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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