

POLICY STATEMENT

Members of the St Thomas' school community are proud to be associated with St Thomas'. Our school uniform encourages this sense of pride and a commitment to the values that our school represents.

Our uniform is an integral part of our identity as a school and a visual sign of connection to St Thomas' School.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the student body.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Uniform

PREP GIRLS

Culottes	Royal blue
Polo shirt	Royal blue with gold trim and school crest
House shirt	Red, gold, emerald, azure
Shoes	Predominantly white jogger
Socks	White short socks, white anklets or St Thomas' logo sports sock
Hat	Soft brimmed reversible royal/house colour with school crest

GIRLS Day

Dress	Royal blue with check trim
Or Culottes	Royal blue
Blouse	St Thomas' check blouse with royal blue trim
Hat	Soft brimmed reversible royal/house colour with school crest
Shoes	All black lace-up or Velcro shoe
Socks	Plain white, short socks (not anklet)

Winter

Royal blue track pants
Royal blue zip jacket with school crest
Royal blue pullover with school crest
Black tights

Sports

Culottes	Royal blue
Polo shirt	Royal blue with gold trim and school crest
House shirt	Red, gold, emerald, azure
Shoes	Predominantly white jogger
Socks	White short socks, white anklets or St Thomas' logo sports sock

PREP BOYS

Shorts	Royal blue knit shorts
Polo shirt	Royal blue with gold trim and school crest
House shirt	Red, gold, emerald, azure
Shoes	Predominantly white jogger
Socks	White short socks, white anklets or St Thomas' logo sports sock
Hat	Soft brimmed reversible royal/house colour with school crest

BOYS

Day

Shirt	St Thomas' check shirt with royal blue trim
Shorts	Royal blue cargo short
Hat	Soft brimmed reversible royal/house colour with school crest
Shoes	All black lace-up or Velcro shoe
Socks	White short socks (not anklet)

Winter

Tracksuit	Royal blue track pants Royal blue zip jacket with school crest Royal blue pullover with school crest
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Sports

Shorts	Royal blue knit shorts
Polo Shirt	Royal blue with gold trim and school crest
House shirt	Red, gold, emerald, azure
Shoes	Predominantly white jogger
Socks	White short socks, white anklets or St Thomas' logo sports sock

Hair

Hairstyles should comply with standards of neatness, practicality and safety. Extremes in style, cut or colour are not permitted. Hair which extends below the collar, or which affects a child's participation in school activities should be secured with bands, and if using ribbons, scrunchies or tie-backs they are to be small, simple and school coloured (royal blue, white and gold).

Suitability of a hairstyle is at the discretion of the Principal. Concerns regarding the acceptability of a particular haircut can be minimised if parents/guardians seek advice from the school before proceeding.

Jewellery

Leadership badges, wrist watches, religious medals and ear sleeper/studs (worn as a pair, one in each ear lobe) are the only designated items of jewellery to be worn. These may need to be removed for safety at sporting events.

Make-up

Make-up, including nail polish, is not permitted.

Free Dress Day

Clothing worn on specified "Free Dress" days must be sun-safe and comply with accepted health and safety standards.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Student dress standards will be sensitive to the maturity of the students, gender, disability, health and safety, religious and cultural beliefs and socio-economic circumstances. The dress standards will maximise access to, and participation in all educational experiences and always be appropriate while children are representing or involved with St Thomas' School in any way.

CHANGES TO UNIFORM ITEMS

It is recognised that considerable cost and energy is expended in changing uniforms. Changes will be considered periodically. A consultative process will be undertaken to get input from the school community regarding changes. Please see Appendix A for the process.

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

All members of the school community have responsibility for ensuring that dress standards are maintained.

The Principal has responsibility for implementation and administration of the policy.

POLICY REVIEW

The Uniform Policy will be reviewed every 2 years.

LAST REVIEWED

July 2017

NEXT REVIEW DUE

July 2018

APPENDIX A

CHANGES TO UNIFORM ITEMS

- The proposed changes and the reasons for changing are clearly specified and addressed in writing to the School Board.
- The proposed changes are discussed at P&F Meetings.
- Where 75% support for the changes is established at P&F level, the School Board will be charged with the responsibility to investigate issues such as cost, practicability, availability and adherence to the guiding principles, etc.
- The School Board will then conduct a survey amongst parents and make a recommendation based on its findings to the principal, who will make the final decision.
- Once a change has been established, there will be a 12-month phase in/changeover period.

Next review July 2019