



## **Dress Code for Staff and Students**

Schools are workplaces and centres of active learning. Accordingly, students and staff are expected to make appropriate choices about their clothing with this context in mind. The following guidelines, which were co-created by staff, students, and parents/guardians, are intended to support that decision-making process.

### **General Expectations**

All members of the school community are expected to wear clean, safe, and comfortable clothing and footwear that support freedom of movement. Daily school activities may involve standing, sitting, lying down, walking, running, climbing stairs, or lifting and carrying items. Therefore, clothing and footwear should not restrict movement or present any risk of interference during these activities.

Clothing must fit properly and cover most of the body. It should fully cover underwear and must not be see-through. The head\*, face\*, neck, shoulders, arms, and legs from mid-thigh down are not required to be covered.

\*Head and partial face coverings for religious, cultural, or ethnic reasons are permitted. However, all individuals must remain identifiable, and coverings (including hats, caps, and sunglasses) should not impede communication during teaching and learning, or during break times. For this reason, hats and hoods are not permitted.

### **Jewelry and Footwear**

Jewelry must not pose a safety risk in learning environments. Footwear should be securely fastened and must not hinder movement.

## Subject-Specific Requirements

### ***Science, Applied Technology, Home Economics, and Art***

When working in subject-specific rooms, all students and staff must comply with relevant health and safety regulations. This may involve:

- Wearing protective gear
- Tying back long hair
- Tucking in loose clothing
- Removing jewelry

Clothing with rips or tears is not permitted in these environments, as it may increase the risk of catching on equipment or tripping.

### ***PE and Sporting Activities***

Appropriate sportswear and securely fastened runners/trainers must be worn during PE and sporting activities. For safety reasons, jewelry should not be worn, except for watches. Football shorts or similar sports shorts are permitted, and the mid-thigh rule does not apply during these activities.

## Agreement

*I agree to abide by this Dress Code.*

Signed (student): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_