

APPENDIX F - SCHOOL DIRECTIVES ON UNIFORM

The school uniform is an important means by which a student expresses his/her belonging and pride in his/her school. The wearing of the correct school uniform, therefore, should be an important concern for every student. Each student in SJI is a walking advertisement for the school each time he/she dons the school uniform and appears in public as a part of this school's family.

The wearing of what is deemed to be correct also requires a certain self-discipline. If one is lazy, then it will be reflected in the cleanliness of his/her shoes or the dirty and untidy state of his/her attire, or his/her unkempt hair. If a person does not care what others think then he/she will give scant regard for his/her appearance. In that context, his/her poor ability to conform with the school dress code reflects not only on him/her but on the school of which he/she is but a small part.

There is also considerable pressure exerted on young people in today's society to keep up with the trends. Designer labels are sometimes perceived as essential, regardless of the price. Hair styles change with the seasons and some young people have a constant urge to have the latest, regardless of the charges of the hairdresser.

Our school represents a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds and a simple school uniform is one way in ensuring unity so that no student will be singled out because of his/her financial inability to keep up with everyone else. For this reason we do NOT permit certain styles and colours of footwear, styles of shirts or blouses, styles of pants or skirts, and styles of haircut. Conformity is of no great value in itself. If it breeds unity, and avoids distinctions, then it becomes very important for what it does. Uniform, in that context, becomes an important means to an end.

Our expectations are therefore set down clearly in the following guidelines and for every student who loves this school, and all the values it espouses, to wear the uniform correctly and with pride.

We invite you all to familiarise yourself carefully with these guidelines. Ignorance cannot be presented as a reason for one's failure to observe the requirements of the school in regard to uniform.

STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR PRESCRIBED SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MODIFICATION TO THE UNIFORM IS NOT ALLOWED. BADGES, REPRESENTING CCA IDENTITIES MAY BE WORN BUT ONLY ONE IS PERMITTED ON EACH SHIRT/BLOUSE COLLAR. THE SCHOOL TIE IS WORN ON THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF THE WEEK. THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL PE ATTIRE IS THE ONLY OTHER ATTIRE THAT CAN BE WORN ON CAMPUS. OFFICIAL CCA ATTIRE ARE TO BE WORN DURING OFFICIAL CCA TRAINING OR ACTIVITIES.

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To assist students with a clearer understanding of the specifics, the following details have been prepared:

1. **SHIRT:**

The shirt is plain, white, short-sleeved with single left breast pocket, bearing no pleats, embroidery, coloured buttons, pleated pockets, shoulder or pocket flaps. The short sleeves are not to be folded. Only plain.

2. **PANTS:**

The school pants are made of a polyester or polyester/cotton mix, white in colour. Pure cotton pants are not permitted because they crease too easily. Tight, skinny or baggy pants are not permitted. The width of the flare is between 16 and 20 inches and it is not to be folded. The length of the pants must be such that they cover the ankles when one is sitting or standing. White jeans and pants with double stitching, rivets, labels or embroidery are not allowed.

3. **BLOUSE:**

The blouse is plain, white, short-sleeved, bearing no pleats, embroidery, coloured buttons, pleated pockets, shoulder or pocket flaps. The short sleeves are not to be folded.

4. **SKIRT:**

The skirt is made of a polyester or polyester/cotton mix, green in colour. The hemline of the skirt is at the knee or just slightly above.

5. **SHORTS:**

White shorts are worn by Year 1 & 2 boys and should be plain in style with no fancy buttons, double stitching, rivets or labels. The school tailor knows the requirements.

6. **OTHER ATTIRE (Eg CCA, Fraternity/House, Class, Event Attire)**

The following principles should be adhered to when students or teachers decide to print apparels and make accessories.

- a. The dignity of the school and its identity must be upheld;
- b. The principle of simplicity must be adhered to, keeping in mind our Lasallian tradition;
- c. The objectives for printing or making these materials must be justified because they incur costs and this may cause undue pressure on students who face challenging financial situations.

Before the apparels or accessories are made, approval must be sought from the Student Development Team.

7. **BELT:**

A belt is worn by Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 boys only. When worn, only a plain, one inch (3 cm), black belt is permitted. The belt must be visible and should not be covered by the shirt folded over it. Broad or fancy belts and decorative or large buckles are forbidden.

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- 8. TIE:** The tie is worn on the first day of the school week, during a stipulated period of time. On this occasion the top button must be fastened. Each student is expected to keep his/her tie in a clean condition. Ties are available from the school bookshop.
- 9. SHOES:** When dressed in school uniform, all Year 1 to 4 SJI students are permitted to wear clean, WHITE ONLY shoes with laces and in good condition. Shoes are not permitted to be worn if they cover the ankles. Students must always wear their shoes with the laces tied. Coloured sports shoes may be worn only with P.E. or CCA attire during PE lessons, CCA training/activities or school sporting events. Year 5 and 6 students may wear track shoes but they should be white or black-based (with laces) minus any design.
NB : School Prefects and Student Councillors and those authorized to wear the school blazer are permitted to wear simple, black, leather shoes when they are formally attired. Boots and suede shoes are not permitted.
- 10. ACCESSORIES:** The wearing of jewellery or body accessories such as rings, pendants, chokers, bangles, wrist-bands: ear-rings is strictly forbidden. Only a pair of small and simple gold ear studs may be worn by girls. The Sikh bangle is permitted for religious reasons. Other ornamental accessories like wrist bands, friendship bands, bracelets, etc are not permitted.

11. HAIR:

The haircut for boys must be appropriate. The following stipulate the regulation regarding haircut for male students in the school:

- The hair must be kept short, neat and tidy with natural colour. There is to be no tinting, dyeing and highlighting of the hair.
- The hair at the back must not touch the shirt collar.
- There must be a distinct and gradual slope.
- The hair at the front must be above both eyebrows and when combed downwards, it must not cover the eyes.
- The hair at the crown must not be too thick or bushy.
- The hair at the sides must not touch the ears. Side-burns must be kept short and they must not be thick.
- Outlandish hairstyles (such as, but not limited to: “under-cuts”, partially-shaved hair, gelled spiky hair and over-gelled hair) are not allowed. A clean-shaven head is also not permitted.
- With regard to the face of male students, it must be clean shaven; there is to be no wearing of beards and moustache

Girls with shoulder-length hair or long hair must have it neatly tied up with accessories that are non-conspicuous. Their fringe must be neat and not cover the eyebrows. There is to be no tinting, dyeing and highlighting of the hair.

- 12. NAILS:** Fingernails are to be kept clean and trimmed short.

THE FINAL INTERPRETATION OF THE SCHOOL REGULATIONS RESTS WITH THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN BASED ON THE REGULATION GIVEN ABOVE; IT IS NOT TO BE MODIFIED.

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SJI TAILOR :

The school has identified a tailor to whom parents can go if they wish. He is reasonably priced and clearly understands our requirements for both shorts and pants. There is no obligation on any parent to use this tailor - his name is provided as assistance only. However, a majority of students use this tailor.

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Branch Coronation Shopping Plaza, #02-44A, S(269707), Tel: 6469-2329

An alternative tailor who may also be used is :

Finest Fashion Centre

Branch BT Fashion Centre, 144 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Beauty World Centre

#B1-03, Tel: 6466-5697