



## *Dress Code and Uniform Information*

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### ***Uniforms***

Our students are all required to wear a school uniform at all times unless they are having a “non-uniform day”. The benefits of wearing a uniform contribute to the overall appearance of the school. All uniforms must be neat, tidy and worn properly.

***Uniform Supplier*** R J McCarthy, 125 Nebo Road, Hamilton L8W 2E1 [www.rjmccarthy.com](http://www.rjmccarthy.com)

### **Basic Uniform - day to day wear uniform**

The following items **must be purchased** from R J McCarthy/CBA webpage or purchased from the school used “closet”:

**Pants:** navy only - (see McCarthy website/CBA page for approved pants)

- New! JK- 3 - girls navy fleece performance day pant
- New! 4-8 - girls dress pant
- may wear solid-coloured black belt

**Shorts:** Navy walking shorts (*length past longest fingertip of straight arm*)

**Shirts:** Blue or Grey crested Golf Shirt or White dress shirt\*

**Sweaters:** - Crested zip-up sweatshirt purchased from McCarthy - CBA page

- McCarthy classic comfort: button, V-neck or crew styles only

- CBA hooded sweatshirts - sold as a special purchase annually through RJ McCarthy

**Jumpers and Skorts:** navy - girls gr. JK-4 only - *length to be past the longest fingertip of straight arm reaching down and must be worn with biker shorts*

**Kilt/Skirt:** girls Grade 4-8 only

- *length to be past the longest fingertip of student of straight arm reaching down (longer is preferred).*

**Must be worn with tights, leggings or leotards that are no shorter than knee length.**

**\*\*Special Events Uniform:** All students will be required to wear the grey crested polo and navy pants for chapel and other special events as announced by the staff. **Please ensure your child has these two pieces of uniform.**

Girls may wear a skort/jumper (JK-4), or kilt/skirt (if grade 4+) with grey crested polo.

Navy shorts are optional for chapel days or at staff discretion.

**Gym Uniform** – All students are required to wear running shoes (non-marking soles) for PE class. Gym shoes should only be used indoors unless otherwise instructed by a teacher. Students in grades 3 to 8 are required to wear the grey Academy t-shirt and blue Academy shorts for PE class, intramurals, and CAASO practices and events. Both the grey gym shirt and navy athletic shorts are available from R J McCarthy. CBA crested athletic pants and jackets may also be worn. JK- 2 students are not required to wear the special PE uniform for PE class, however, they must wear proper running shoes.



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***The following items do not have to be purchased from R J McCarthy:***

**\*White Dress Shirt/Blouse:** long or short sleeved, must be fully buttoned, Oxford style with a collar, no visible logos, labels or designs

**Socks:** solid coloured: navy, black, grey or white only

**Tights/leggings/biker shorts:** girls may wear solid colour, solid material tights: navy, black, grey or white only and leggings to be accompanied by same coloured socks

**Shoes:** dark blue (navy/uniform blue) or black with same colour laces; indoor shoes should be as solidly coloured as possible (no lights, sparkles, or patterns), minimal to no accent

- *Velcro shoes preferred for J.K./S.K/gr1 students or those who cannot tie laces*
- classroom shoes may not go outside or home during the school year
- indoor shoes may be worn for PE class provided they are non-marking athletic shoes
- Sandals are not permitted because of safety issues

### **Uniform Reminders**

1. Torn clothing must be repaired. Neat, preferably invisible patches are allowed on pants.
2. Clothing should be properly fitted and worn (e.g. skort/jumper/kilt length).
3. Golf shirts may remain untucked if they are fitted properly and are worn tidily.
4. If you wish to wear a t-shirt under your shirt, it must be plain white, navy blue, or grey.
5. In most cases, students will be required to wear their school or P.E. uniforms on field trips. Some field trips warrant proper casual attire. Teachers will outline the dress code for trips.
6. The school reserves the right to ask any student to modify his/her dress and/or appearance. Non-compliance may result in the student being sent home from school.
7. Students are expected to leave school wearing their uniform (except non-uniform days).
8. JK- grade 1 students require an extra change of clothes to be kept in their back pack.

### ***Personal Grooming***

It is expected that students will come to school with a clean, neat appearance. Only natural makeup is allowed. Uniforms must be neat and tidy, in good repair, and worn correctly.

### ***Hair & Hats***

Students at the Academy are expected to have clean, well-groomed hair at all times. Students are not allowed to wear hats inside the school building.

### ***Jewellery***

Studs and earrings are restricted to the ears. Jewellery may not be worn during P.E. classes or sporting events. This is a health and safety issue.

### ***Temporary "Tattoos"***

These should not be visible because of their distracting nature.



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***Recess Clothing*** - Students may be outside for 1.5 hours every day. Appropriate outdoor wear is required. Students will be expected to be outside – rain or shine - for dismissal.

***Non-Uniform Days*** - There will usually be one non-uniform day per month. These are not simply casual/dress-down days but an opportunity to show school spirit. Some days will have special themes.

At activities where the students do not have to dress in their uniforms, **appropriate and modest age-level clothing is required**. This means that revealing tops or bottoms, spaghetti straps and tank tops or muscle shirts are not appropriate. The clothes must be in good repair and shirts should not display inappropriate advertisements, designs, or suggestive messages. If it would offend someone, it is inappropriate. Posted guidelines will give specific details for the day.

***Personal Property*** – It is important that students properly label or identify those articles used at school that are their personal property, including uniform pieces.

***Lost and Found*** - Please see school secretary for lost items.

***Uniform Closet*** – Current CBA families have the option of reselling or donating approved uniforms that their children have outgrown in the uniform closet. When families graduate or leave the school for any reason, they may donate their uniforms to the uniform closet.