



## **St Mac Dara's Community College**

### **Uniform Policy and Requirements**

#### **Introduction and Scope**

This document outlines the Uniform Policy for St Mac Dara's Community College. This policy is a school wide policy that applies to all students attending St Mac Dara's Community College.

#### **College Mission Statement**

St. Mac Dara's Community College, through a comprehensive education programme, provides as far as possible, educational opportunities to meet the needs of the students. It is a multi-denominational, co-educational college. The following is the Vision statement of St. Mac Dara's.

***"We, the community of this College, through a caring and collective approach, aspire to provide abroad-based education for all, to foster respect and dignity, and to promote a safe and just environment by positively encouraging all to realise their full potential".***

#### **Rationale:**

St Mac Dara's places huge importance on the wearing of the school uniform by all students. The policy itself has been developed through consultation with staff, students, parents/guardians, and Board of Management. Correct wearing of the school uniform requires the full co-operation of students, parents/guardians and the school. We expect each student to wear the school

uniform with dignity and pride and to be aware that, when in uniform they represent not just themselves but the whole school community.

The rationale behind this policy and objectives it aims to achieve are described below.

- The uniform gives students a sense of identity and belonging to the school community.
- It underlines the importance of being neat and tidy in all aspects of school life.
- The uniform makes students recognisable as members of St Mac Dara's Community College. Pupils can clearly be distinguished from intruders and this makes the school a safer environment for all.
- The policy is necessary to ensure equal recognition of all students in the school community in an atmosphere of respect for the dignity of all.
- The uniform reduces the expense of purchasing clothes at the dictate of fashion. It eliminates competition and reduces the potential for bullying. The school uniform thus greatly simplifies the lives of the students and parents during these critical second level years.
- The school uniform represents a visible commitment to the rules and policies of St Mac Dara's.
- The wearing of the uniform reinforces pride among the pupils in their school, particularly when representing the school on extracurricular activities.
- The wearing of prescribed footwear is essential to protect the school flooring.

### **School Uniform Details:**

- All students of St Mac Dara's Community College are expected to wear full school uniform in a clean, neat and tidy manner, reflecting positively on yourself and your school.
- It has been agreed in consultation with students and parent(s)/guardian(s) that all students may choose to wear either the trouser or skirt version of the school uniform as follows;

Trousers Uniform		Skirt Uniform	
<b>Shirt</b>	Blue	Shirt/Blouse	Blue
<b>Jumper</b>		<b>Jumper</b>	
<b>1st - 3rd Year</b>	Mid-Grey V-neck with College Crest	<b>1st - 3rd Year</b>	Mid-Grey V-neck with College Crest
<b>4th - 6th Year</b>	Navy V-neck with College Crest	<b>4th - 6th Year</b>	Navy V-neck with College Crest
<b>Trousers</b>	Mid-Grey	<b>Skirt</b>	Tartan
<b>Tie</b>	College Tie	<b>Tie</b>	College Tie
<b>Shoes</b>	Neat Plain Black or Dark Navy Leather or Leather Like.  No visible logo.	<b>Shoes</b>	Neat Plain Black or Dark Navy Leather or Leather-Like.  No visible logo.
<b>Socks</b>	Grey/Black	<b>Socks/Tights</b>	Navy Knee Socks or Navy/Black Tights

- Jewelry must be kept to a minimum (single pair of ear studs & one ring permitted).
- Facial / body piercings, other than earrings, are not permitted for health and safety considerations.
- It is not appropriate for students to wear make-up or extreme hairstyles. Students may be asked to remove make-up before attending class. Management will have the final decision in what constitutes an extreme hairstyle /makeup.
- Students who are not in full uniform may be sent home or may have other sanctions imposed.
- Shoes worn must be black leather like shoes with no visible logos.

- Students timetabled for P.E. may wear the official school track suit to school on the day designated for P.E. but are required to shower and change into full school uniform before returning to other classes. Appropriate footwear must be worn in P.E. class. Under no circumstances are students allowed wear “unofficial” non- school track suits. Students representing the College in sporting competition must observe the College rules relating to wearing of track suits. For safety reasons students must wear proper runners with the tracksuit on days they have PE. It is not permitted to wear canvas or slipper type shoes for games and PE.
- Students have a responsibility to keep their uniform clean and tidy and should also maintain high standards of personal hygiene at all times.
- Management will have over-riding decision on what is acceptable uniform.

### ***Availability of School Uniform & Sports Uniform***

<p><b>School Wearhouse</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.schoolwearhouse.ie">http://www.schoolwearhouse.ie</a></p>	<p><b>Phone:</b>(01) 4604371</p>	<p><b>Address:</b> Unit D7, Ballymount Cross Industrial Estate, Ballymount, Dublin 24</p>
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### **Roles and Responsibilities of Various Parties:**

- All teachers are responsible for the monitoring of the correct wearing of the school uniform.
- Students will receive a note if they fail to wear the full uniform or tracksuit, as appropriate. Regular failure to comply with the uniform policy will be dealt with by the class tutor/ management in line with the St Mac Dara’s Code of Positive Behaviour.

- It is imperative that all students comply fully with our uniform code. On the occurrence of an Isolated incident where a student is unable to wear their correct uniform, parents/guardians should write an explanatory note in the school journal. The student should present this note to their tutor in registration. In the case where the school has a stock of the missing items of uniform, the student may be loaned the item for the day.

**Review:**

The school undertakes a tendering process for the supply of the school uniform and tracksuit. The Uniform Policy will be reviewed prior to any engagement in a new tendering process.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on

Signed: Pamela Keen Date: 15/2 / 2022

Chairperson of the Board of Management

Signed: Derek Ward Date: 15/2/2022

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

