

In choosing to attend Senator O'Connor College School, students and their parents/guardians have chosen to make a commitment to comply with the school's uniform and dress code. There are several reasons why OCS students are expected to wear a uniform: we are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and secure school where outsiders are easily identified, and we believe that it is important to maintain standards of modesty, neatness, and good taste that reflect our Catholic values. O'Connor students are expected to be in full and proper uniform every school day, from the first day of school in September until the end of the June examinations, unless specifically told otherwise by staff. The full uniform is to be worn **at all times** when the student is at school: during classes, between classes, in the halls, in the cafeteria, in the library/learning commons, during detentions, as a spectator in the gymnasium, etc.

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is to be worn neatly and with pride. This means that uniform pieces will be clean and in good repair and will be fitted to the student, not oversized.

The **COMPULSORY** components of the school uniform are:

PANTS

Available ONLY from R. J. McCarthy (no other brands are permitted)

- Charcoal grey boys school dress pants
- Charcoal grey girls school dress pants
- School pants may not be altered in any way
- to change their look or leg width (no tapering).
- Pants must be completely zipped up and worn at the waist.
- Belts should be plain and all black.

TOPS

- Available ONLY from R. J. McCarthy (no other brands are permitted)
- Short-sleeved or long-sleeved white or navy school OCS crested golf shirt
- Only plain (without patterns, words, or graphics) all-white T-shirts may be worn
- under the uniform top above, and, if worn, must be *fully tucked into* the pants.
- No long-sleeved tops may be worn under short-sleeved school tops.
- **OCS athletic wear is NOT part of the uniform.**
- On regular day, only the one and only O'Connor hoodie that has only "O'Connor" in
- the front is allowed, all other clothing that has extra text under or around the text of
- "O'Connor" such as "Athletics", "Clubs", "OCS", etc... are only allowed on spirit day.

FOOTWEAR

- Black, grey, or navy socks.
- **Only plain black shoes are permitted.** These must be completely black, including
- the laces, stitching and soles (no accents, trim, or logos of any type in white or any other color).
- Students may not wear sandals, flip-flops, clogs, moccasins, slippers, or high boots.

The **OPTIONAL** components of the uniform, which may be worn over (but NOT in place of the compulsory OCS golf shirt) are:

- Navy blue buttoned OCS crested cardigan, available from McCarthy's
- Navy zipped OCS crested polo sweater, available from McCarthy's
- On spirit day or as announced for special days, students may wear approved OCS team/club/activity hoodies, with the team or sport *of which the student is a participant* clearly indicated thereon

ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- **No headwear of any kind is permitted while the students are in the school.** This includes baseball or other caps, hats, and bandanas. All headwear must be removed immediately upon entering the building and remain off until the student leaves school at the end of the day. *Students who wear these items can expect to have them immediately confiscated. On a first offence, they can usually be claimed at the vice principal's office at the end of the day. On subsequent offences, the items may be held longer and there may be further consequences.*
- No coats or jackets or any other outerwear is to be worn in the school or brought into the classroom during the school day.
- Scarves, sashes, excessive jewellery, large pendants, or other forms of adornment are not allowed.
- Students on school excursions are expected to comply with the specified dress requirements indicated on the permission form.
- On civvies days, students may dress in casual attire, provided it is appropriate for school. This means no clothing with inappropriate messages or graphics.
- On O'Connor Spirit Wear days, students may wear O'Connor wear or their regular uniform.
- **Decisions regarding appropriate and allowable clothing, accessories, etc., are at the discretion of the administration.**

CONSEQUENCES FOR UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

Students who do not arrive to class in full and proper uniform are in violation of the uniform policy and will be sent to the main office for a violation slip. The events are recorded, and consequences are administered. Usually, students are sent home to change into proper uniform, but there may be other consequences. *Repeated failure to come to class in full uniform or to otherwise comply with the uniform policy and dress code constitutes **disrespect** and will be handled by an administrator and is subject to serious consequences.*

The school gratefully accepts donations of uniforms in good repair. Thank you!