

## GIRLS UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

MacLaren students wear a simple uniform and follow a conservative dress code, both to eliminate distraction and to create a school identity.

### **A. Dress Code**

**Jewelry:** An object that has a purpose other than jewelry cannot be worn as jewelry (i.e. animal chains or collars, specialized ear jewelry, safety pins or tacks). Spikes are not allowed on shoes or clothing.

- Girls- Girls may wear jewelry that is conservative; jewelry should not be a distraction. Girls may wear one pair of short earrings in each earlobe. Girls should not wear only one earring. Large hoops or other dangling or distracting earrings are not permitted. No body-piercing jewelry except earrings will be permitted. Girls may wear one wrist bracelet and one small necklace. Bracelet may not be a rubber wristband. Pendants should not be large or elaborate; they should be not much larger than an inch or so in length, width, or diameter. No chokers, shells, or large or elaborate chain-link may be worn. No anklets may be worn.

### **Make up:**

- Girls- Middle school girls may not wear makeup. Make up worn by high school girls must look natural. Fingernails should not be excessively long or painted garishly. Nail polish should be painted in a manner that is tasteful and appropriate for school. Polish should not be neon-bright, overtly sparkly, black, or patterned or decorated (e.g. polka-dotted, flowers, stripes, etc.). Moreover, fingernails all need to have the same color. The judgment of the appropriateness of nail polish color will be determined by the Dean of Girls. As all students play a stringed instrument, nails should be kept short.

### **Hair:**

- Girls- Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color; hair may not have extreme highlights, including hombre highlights. Radical changes in hair color during the school year are unacceptable. Students considering dyeing their hair are highly encouraged to discuss with the Dean. Shaved heads are not permitted; moreover, hair cannot be shaved or short on one side of the head and longer on the other. No hair extensions such as feathers or streaks of color are allowed. Barrettes, bows, and headbands cannot be too large or distracting. Bows, flowers and other hair ornaments should not be larger than three inches in any dimension. Headbands also should not be wider than three inches. No bandanas may be worn, even as headbands.

### **Sunglasses and Hats:**

Sunglasses are not to be worn within the school building during school hours, with the exception of prescription glasses that change in the light. Hats (caps, visors, beanies, bandanas, etc.) may not be worn except on designated days.

### **Body Piercings/Tattoos:**

Visible body piercing, tongue rings/barbells or “gauging” of the ears are not allowed and must be removed during school. No tattoos, temporary or permanent. This prohibition includes pen and ink drawings on the skin.

When in doubt, a student should seek the counsel of the appropriate Dean for guidance regarding the dress code. A Dean may seek the Head of School’s decision regarding a judgment in dress; the Head of School’s decision is considered final.

## **Outerwear:**

**Students must purchase either a MacLaren sweater from French Toast or a MacLaren fleece through the PSA.** These are also available at a substantial discount from the retail prices at our used uniform sale. Students may not wear non-MacLaren outerwear at school, and the building is sometimes too cold to go without layers.

## **B. Uniform**

### **Uniform Vendor:**

- 1) French Toast 1-800-FRENCHTOAST     [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com)
- 2) Land's End 1-800-963-4816     [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)

The items that may only be purchased through French Toast are listed below with an asterisk. The other items listed may be purchased through French Toast if you desire, or you may purchase them through another vendor/store of your choice, as long as they adhere to the guidelines set forth below. Many items may be purchased at Land's End, but please note that shirts, skirts, sweaters and fleeces may not be purchased there.

To access our school page at French Toast, go to [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com). In the box on the right side of the page where it says "enter school source code", type in "QS5SFIW" and press enter. This will take you to our school's page. Whenever you order from French Toast, please use this code and French Toast will donate a percentage of our sales back to the school.

To access our school page at Land's End, go to [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com), click on "School Uniforms", go to the lower left hand box to "Look Up Your School" and use the following code number to see the approved items list: Code 900148131.

### **Girl's Uniform**

#### **\*Shirt: Must be purchased through French Toast**

- **Grades 6-8: maroon** pique polo shirt with "Thomas MacLaren" stitching, short-sleeved or long-sleeved
- **Grades 9-12: white** pique polo shirt with "Thomas MacLaren" stitching, short-sleeved or long-sleeved

#### **Undershirts:**

- Plain, white t-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform shirts in cold weather. (No turtlenecks or long-sleeved shirts under short-sleeved polos.)

#### **Pants:**

- All girls' pants must be khaki straight-leg pants, flat-front or pleated. No logo.
- Pant length must be just below the ankle with a simple hem, no cuff.
- No cargo pants. No decorations, no brass buttons, no jean-like material. No external/patch pockets.
- Pants must fit modestly, with a 1-2" ease around the hips; not too tight—not too loose.

#### **Shorts:**

- All girls' shorts must be khaki, flat front or pleated Bermuda shorts, no cuffs, no logo.
- Shorts Hem: should be no more than 2 inches from the top of the knee cap and should not go past the knee cap.

#### **Belt:**

- Plain, simple dark brown or black leather or leather-like belt (flat or braided) with plain buckle;
- Belts are NOT optional with pants and shorts

#### **\*Skirt: Must be purchased through French Toast**

- Burgundy Plaid skirt
- Skirt Hem: Conservative; ranging from the top of the knee to no more than two inches below the knee.

#### **\*Sweater: Must be purchased through French Toast**

- Maroon crew neck button-down sweater with "Thomas MacLaren" stitching
- Non-approved outerwear will not be permitted unless student is outside.

**Fleece: Fleeces purchased in 2009-2017 are allowed. Fleece options for 2017-2018 will be available in the fall. Grey MacLaren hoodies are spirit wear and are not part of the uniform.**

- Maroon fleece with “Thomas MacLaren logo”
- Non-approved outerwear will not be permitted unless student is outside.

**Shoes:**

- Entirely black, brown or cordovan (soles and laces), ties, flats or slip-ons, leather or leather-like. Closed-toe, closed-heel. No heels over 1” in middle school; no heels over 2” in high school. No logos should appear on the shoes. NO athletic shoes, sandals, including Birkenstocks, Vans, Converse, Nike and Adidas, no cloth shoes or sport boots of any kind, or shoes that look like slippers. No boots or booties.

**Socks/Tights:**

- **With pants and shorts:** solid white or khaki quarter crew, crew, or knee-high socks (no logo). Short socks must rise above the ankle. No anklets or low sport socks.
- **With Skirt:** solid white or khaki quarter crew, crew or knee-high socks, or tights (no logo); nude nylons also acceptable. No leggings.