

Mount Sackville Secondary School –School Uniform Policy November 2012

Scope: This policy applies to all students attending Mount Sackville Secondary School.

Relationship to the School’s Ethos:

Our school uniform identifies each student as a pupil in Mount Sackville Secondary School. It is a fundamental aspect of the school identity. We expect each pupil to wear the school uniform with dignity and pride and to be aware that, when in uniform, each pupil represents not just herself but the whole school community. In Mount Sackville Secondary School we work to provide a secure, welcoming and ordered environment where individuals are encouraged and challenged to develop to their full potential as human beings and to respect both themselves and others.

Rationale:

Mount Sackville Secondary School encourages the pursuit of excellence and strives to create an environment conducive to attaining high standards of teaching and learning. The school uniform is one of the ways in which a positive climate of learning is achieved. It reinforces a sense of pride among students in their school especially when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities and during whole school events.

Objectives of the Policy:

- It is the policy of the school that all pupils wear the Mount Sackville School uniform during school activities - This includes time spent on the premises before and after class and en route to and from school.
- The wearing of the uniform helps to promote a positive image for the school.
- The uniform makes pupils recognisable as members of Mount Sackville Secondary School.

- The school uniform creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition.
- The wearing of a uniform contributes to better order on the school premises.
- The policy has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Policy Content:

The School uniform consists of:

Navy Outdoor 'Concept' jacket; School scarf; Blue wool jumper; Blue wool gabardine skirt; Blue check blouse (two required); Black or white knee high socks (5 pairs). Black, brown or navy (virtually black) shoes. Plain, standard, flat, leather shoes are recommended.

Please note that high heeled/ platform shoes or sling backs are not suitable for school wear.

In cold weather the following are permitted: Black opaque tights worn with black knee high socks if desired or white tights with white knee high socks if desired.

Pyjamas and leggings are not permitted to be worn under the school skirt.

Gloves, hats and school scarves must be the school colours and may not be worn during the school day.

White V-necked tee shirts or vests may be worn under the blouse - coloured tee shirts are not permitted.

Students may not combine elements of the sports uniform with the school uniform.

The P.E. Uniform consists of:

Mount Sackville aertex sports top x 2; Mount Sackville track suit bottoms; Mount Sackville sports shorts; Mount Sackville hoodie with the school crest; White ankle sports socks x 2.

The school tracksuit may only be worn in P.E. class or active extra-curricular activities and may not be combined with non-uniform items.

Walking to school

Only the school coat may be worn to and from school.

No hoodies or non-uniform coloured scarves to be worn to or from school.

Jewellery

One pair of small stud earrings (one in each ear lobe); one ring, a watch, one chain eg cross/medal or similar are the only jewellery which may be worn.

Neither body piercing nor body art is permitted. Clear or transparent retainers for piercings are allowed.

Hair

Hairstyles should be neat, discreet and simple and colour within the range of natural colours.

School management will be the final arbiter in what constitutes “natural”.

Hair accessories should be plain and simple. Hair should be neat and tidy and worn off the face.

Make-up

Make-up may not be worn while in the school uniform.

Sixth year students may wear very discreet light foundation or tinted moisturiser.

Fake tan is strictly forbidden. Nails are to be natural; without colour or embellishment.

Appearance

Students should be neat and tidy at all times. All uniform should be clearly marked with the student’s name. Frayed cuffs, missing buttons and dropped hems should be mended.

Related Policies:

While wearing the school uniform, within the school and outside the school grounds, students are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the standards set by the school – please refer to the school’s Dignity for All Policy and the Code of Student Behaviour policy.

Roles and Responsibilities:

A note from parents should explain incomplete uniform or explain any deviation from the uniform policy on medical or other exceptional grounds.

Teachers shall monitor school uniform daily. Uniform checks shall take place regularly at tutor time. Students who are not in full uniform will be subject to disciplinary action.

Sanctions

- There will be a Uniform Book in Sick Bay and in the Staff Room. If a student’s name appears in the Uniform Book three times, they will receive a lunchtime detention.
- If a student is wearing make-up or nail varnish they should be sent to sick bay/ reception where they will be asked to remove their make-up with wipes and their nail varnish with nail varnish remover. The student’s name will be written in the Uniform Book.
- The students will be asked to pay a fine of €2.
- If a student is wearing permanent make-up, (e.g. fake tan and nail embellishment) the student’s name will be written in the Uniform Book. Their parents will also be contacted.
- If a student is wearing non-uniform garments or jewellery, they will be asked to remove the garment and put it in their bag. The student’s name will be written in the Uniform Book.

In all cases the school authorities are the judges of acceptable standards of appearances.

Sanctioned by the Board of Management November 2012