## UNIFORM POLICY

By choosing to attend St. Charles College, you have accepted the responsibility of wearing the school uniform with dignity and pride. The St. Charles College uniform has been part of the school's tradition and history since its inception in 1951. The uniform policy has been developed and enhanced over the years with the input from parents, teachers, students and administration. Supporting the uniform policy is everyone's responsibility.

The SCC uniform serves four main purposes: safety, convenience, cost and community. SCC students are quickly identifiable within the school, which helps in keeping the building secure. In preparation for school in the morning, students have fewer decisions to make about what to wear. The cost of a wardrobe over the years is less when only a few uniform pieces are required for school. And perhaps most importantly, wearing a uniform demonstrates a sense of community, equality and belonging.

Students must wear their uniform to and from school every day. Ripped, torn, frayed, faded or ill-fitting clothing is not acceptable at St. Charles College. Students who are not in proper uniform will not be permitted to class and they will be referred to the main office. If a student is missing a uniform item, they will: 1 . contact a parent/guardian to have them bring the uniform piece to the school, 2. be loaned a clean uniform item that will be returned at the end of the school. If a uniform item is not available, students may be issued a uniform infraction admit slip.

## School Uniform Policy

| Item | Description | How to wear it |
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| Uniform Bottoms: |  |  |
| Pants | - All black (no logos) <br> - No jeans/denim <br> - No cargo pants | - Must be worn at the waist <br> - Belt, if worn, must be black (no large buckles) <br> - Socks must be worn <br> - No rolled pants |
| Kilt | - R.J. McCarthy brand <br> - Grey \& burgundy plaid | - Must be worn modestly above the knees |
| Shorts (seasonal) | - All black (no logos) <br> - No athletic wear, e.g., jogging shorts | - Belt, if worn, must be black <br> - Socks are optional <br> - Must be worn modestly above the knees |
| Uniform Tops: |  |  |
| Rugby shirt | - R.J. McCarthy brand <br> - Crested | - Undershirt, if worn, must match |


|  | - Burgundy, grey \& white |  |
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| Cardigan | - R.J. McCarthy brand <br> - Black | - Worn with white shirt only |
| Golf shirt | - R.J. McCarthy brand <br> - Black, white or burgundy <br> - Embroidered |  |
| 1/4 zip sweater | - R.J. McCarthy brand <br> - Burgundy <br> - Embroidered | - Undershirt, if worn, must match |
| Hoodie | - School-issued <br> - Black, grey or burgundy <br> - "CARDS" or "St. Charles Cardinals" only | - Hood cannot cover the head <br> - Club and team wear is not considered part of the uniform |
| 1/4 zip sweater | - School-issued <br> - Black or grey <br> - "SCC", "CARDS", or "St. Charles College" only | - Undershirt, if worn, must match |
| Footwear: |  |  |
| Shoes | - All black (white soles permitted) <br> - No striping e.g., Nike swoosh <br> - No boots | - Closed toe, closed heel <br> - Low-heeled <br> - Must have a sole <br> - If the shoes have laces, they must be black <br> - No white toes (Converse) |
| Socks | - Solid black, white, grey or burgundy |  |

## Additional Requirements

- Club- and Sport-sponsored hoodies and sweaters are permitted during Spirit/Card Wear Days only.
- Only items purchased through R.J. McCarthy or the school are permitted. Note: items purchased through websites that claim to offer St. Charles Cardinal uniform pieces are not allowed.
- Non-uniform sweaters, coats or jackets are not permitted in classrooms, hallways or common areas of the school.
- Hats must be removed immediately upon entering the school and are not permitted anywhere in the building
- Extremes in personal grooming, i.e., excessive makeup, large bulky jewellery, wallet chains, and headphones

School administrators reserve the right to determine if a student is in compliance with the spirit of the dress code policy and the appropriateness of dress.

## "DRESS DOWN" DAYS

About once a month, students are given the opportunity to "dress-down" or wear clothing other than the school uniform. Students are asked to contribute $\$ 2$ for this privilege. Money raised through "dress-down" days is used to fund charitable organizations, assist with academic programming and/or assist families in need. These days are also governed by a dress code that promotes modesty and appropriateness in our school community.

- Inappropriate design/logos

