

BISHOP TONNOS C.S.S. DRESS CODE

Compliance with the dress code is mandatory and the cooperation of the parents/guardians is expected. **If the school administration determines that a student's dress or appearance is inappropriate, students will be sent home upon parental notification.** Students are to be in compliance with the dress code when entering and leaving the school building and while on school grounds. There is to be no changing clothes or shoes at the lockers or in the halls.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE UNIFORM

Modifications to the uniform of any kind are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to: rolling up of pant legs, splitting pant leg seams, tucking pants into socks or footwear, **altering (cutting long pants making them into shorts)**, or tying or fastening the uniform in any manner. No form of layering is allowed, e.g. lace tops. Kilts may not be rolled up at the waist or altered in any way.

The Catholic Secondary Schools of this city have a long tradition of having uniforms for their students. The Bishop Tonnos school community actively participates in this tradition. In addition to the practical considerations and security provided by a school uniform, the purpose of a uniform dress code is to impart to students the understanding that as individuals they are also a part of a greater whole, namely the Bishop Tonnos school community. Further, it is understood that academic education is a main function of any school, but as a Catholic school, Bishop Tonnos also embraces Catholic values and practices. Development of character and soul are important, and as a result, students of this school community have a responsibility to be respectful of others and to develop self-discipline and self-respect. These values are enhanced by a uniform code that represents Bishop Tonnos' philosophy and sense of community. Students at B.T. are required to adhere to the dress code at all times **including their study periods and during their lunch hours. Spirit wear, sport team uniforms or gym uniform items are NOT considered to be official school uniform items.** Repeat uniform offenses will be addressed by progressive discipline sanctions. Final decision for non-compliance will be made by the Principal or Vice-Principal. **These sanctions may take the form of a variety of consequences which may include lunch detentions (community service detentions - assisting custodial staff), being sent home and/or formal suspension.**

All items monogrammed with B.T. are available **ONLY** through the school's official supplier, **Bombardieri Uniforms**. Students **cannot apply** a BT logo to a non-uniform item.

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THE SPIRIT OF DRESS CODE

While it is possible to list all that may be worn, it is not possible to address all the external trappings that some students might choose to adopt; this includes chains, jewellery (especially facial piercing), adornments, spiked bracelets/necklaces, excessive make-up, etc. **VISIBLE PIERCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED** except for earrings of reasonable size and number. Taping over jewellery is not permitted. Chains and necklaces must be worn beneath the shirt.

JEWELLERY/ACCESSORIES

Jewellery worn should not be excessive in size or number. It should not distract from or show disrespect for the uniform. Dog collars, spiked collars or wrist bands, belt chains, excessively heavy chains or jewellery depicting or using symbols that are not in keeping with the gospel values of the school will not be permitted. Facial piercing, other than unobtrusive ear piercing, is not acceptable. **Any jewellery that is a safety concern shall be removed immediately upon the request of the teacher and/or administration.**

BELTS

Belts must be black or navy and fastened properly through all belt loops. Belt buckles should not be excessive in size or colour and should not depict or represent values contrary to those of the school.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR FEMALE STUDENTS WHEN WEARING A KILT, PANTS or SHORTS

- B.T. Kilts must be of modest length (approximately 5 - 10 cm or 2 - 4 inches above the knee.) No alterations at the waistband or the hem.
- Dress shoes or running shoes may be worn. **Black opaque tights MUST** be worn with the kilt. No leg warmers.
- With pants or shorts, black or white SOCKS, visible above the ankle must be worn at all times.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- **NO flip-flops, sandals, ballerina flats, work boots / KODIAK, CLOGS or CROCS of any type/style** will be permitted. **Black or white socks MUST be worn and visible above the ankle.**
- Black dress pants must have a school logo. All pants purchased must have a logo approved and purchased from our supplier, **Bombardieri Uniforms.**
- Black, school-issued PANTS with embroidered BT school logo. Pants must be worn at the top of the hips or waist. Pants must be fastened and zipped up at all times.
- **Cardigans, ONLY BT apparel MUST** be worn under the cardigan. **No Tank Tops, etc. are permitted**
- Oxford white SHIRT or BLOUSE with the BT school logo, tucked in and buttoned up.
- White or maroon POLO SHIRTS with the BT school logo. If undershirt is worn it must also be in school colours.
- **White or maroon** turtlenecks with BT school logo.
- Polar fleece PULLOVER, not hooded, in grey with BT school logo. Maroon SWEATSHIRT with BT crest and full zipper. These must be worn over a school shirt.
- Black walking SHORTS with BT school logo. **NOT GYM ATTIRE!**

III. Footwear:

- All footwear must have **CLOSED** toes and heels – running shoes, deck shoes (Including special orthotics- **Doctor's note is required**). Acceptable colours, are black, white & dark colours. . **NO** patterned shoes such as checkerboard, stripes, etc. **NO** sandals, slippers, flip flops or boots are permitted due to health and safety issues.

Pants must be completely zipped and buttoned. Waistbands are to be worn at the waist so that pants fit appropriately; they must drape 1 ½" from the floor, in a manner suitable for a business/school setting. Hems and cuffs must not be altered.

- Students must wear a B.T. uniform top. B.T. oxford shirts **must be tucked in** and the dress shirts must be buttoned **to the second button from the top**. Shirts and turtlenecks must **NOT** be altered or tapered.
- **ONLY** a plain **white, grey, maroon or black** T-shirt may be worn under a uniform top. **In addition, t-shirts MUST BE PLAIN with no logos, sayings, pictures or graphics of any kind.**

III. WHAT NOT TO WEAR . . .

- excessive personal adornment (i.e. facial piercing, jewellery, excessive make-up and/or hair styles, tattoos)
- clothing or adornments with graphics promoting unacceptable lifestyles, inappropriate or derogatory comments including references to sex, alcohol, drugs, racism or violence.
- tube tops, halter tops, cut-off tops, cut-off shorts, bare midriffs, muscle shirts, over the knee stockings, blue jeans, spandex pants, tights, lululemon pants, yoga pants, strapless dresses/tops, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing.
- gym attire, i.e., shorts, t-shirt, sweat pants, hooded sweatshirt, outside of physical education classes.
- hats, headbands or bandanas
- wristbands, chokers and chains
- clothing with holes rips or tears
- undergarments that extend below the waist and/or sleeves
- belts with metal studs or eyelets or large belt buckles
- pants that drag along the ground
- gang-related apparel and accessories

- outerwear, such as coats, jackets, pajamas, gloves, non-uniform sweaters, hats or head coverings/bands while in the building. **Outerwear (HATS NOT INCLUDED) will be permitted in the halls ONLY when a student is proceeding directly out of or entering the school building from the outdoors.**

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

- Students enrolled in any physical education courses **MUST** wear the appropriate Bishop Tonnos athletic wear.

CIVVIES DAY

- On occasion civvies days will be granted. Students **MUST** wear appropriate attire that is conducive to the learning environment. Respectable (no holes, rips or tears, drag along the ground, etc.) jeans are permitted on civvies days. Any other pant **MUST** fall below the knee (i.e. Capri pants). **UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

Fitting correspondence will be sent to the home of the student to encourage parental support and intervention. Appropriate consequences will be in the form of; community service lunch detentions (assisting the custodial staff in the cafeteria and/or school grounds,) being sent home for the day and/or formal suspension. Students who cannot comply with the dress code will not be permitted to go to class

SPIRIT WEAR

Designated "Spirit Wear Days" will be scheduled throughout the school year in place of "civvies days" at Bishop Tonnos. Spirit wear is available through the Student Council for purchase by all students. Items include those sold by the Council as well as any Bishop Tonnos sports teams uniforms, or gym uniform items. Closed-toe shoes are still required. If any student chooses not to wear spirit wear items, then full school uniform is mandatory. Any abuse of this policy will result in the student being sent home. **Spirit wear, sport team uniforms or gym uniform items are NOT considered to be official school uniform items.**

CLASS TRIPS

On class trips, students must be in uniform unless prior permission has been arranged by the Administration.

INCLEMENT WEATHER / WINTER MONTHS

SWEATERS: if students need a **SWEATER** for warmth it **MUST BE A BT UNIFORM SWEATER.** All other sweaters are to be placed in the locker upon arrival to school, until the end of the school day.

WINTER COATS/JACKETS may be **CARRIED** during lunch period in the **CAFETERIA** and in the **LOWER FORUM** only (not in the servery). This is based on the recognition that students often go outside during lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Students must be in **complete uniform, worn properly and modestly from 8:10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. including lunch periods in all areas** of the school. Hats are to be removed upon entering the building; jackets /coats/hats/bags (of any type) are to be left in your locker and not worn in the school. **Hats may be confiscated if worn in the building.**

In emergency situations when the uniform cannot be worn, the student must bring a parental note of explanation to the school administration by 8:00 a.m. In these cases, students are expected to dress in clothing appropriate with the spirit of the dress code (e.g. plain collared shirt, dress slacks, etcetera). Inappropriately dressed students will need to return home to change.