

Dress Code

Philosophy

Clothing can contribute to a sense of pride and professionalism in the student's workplace. It can contribute to a sense that school is important business. A uniform eliminates the peer pressure of brand names and fashion trends. This allows the students to be themselves and not be concerned about what they are wearing. The goal of the Calvary Christian School Dress Code is to help create an atmosphere that is conducive to education; one in which the students come prepared to work effectively with their classmates.

Student Code

CCS Dress Code requires the following colours for all clothing:

TOPS: Solid Navy or Solid White (purchased from Bombardieri Uniforms)

BOTTOMS: Solid Navy (purchased from Bombardieri Uniforms)

All clothing must be purchased through Calvary's uniform supplier – Bombardieri Uniforms.

Specific clothing items in the school colours with the CCS logo will be available through Calvary's uniform supplier. Ordering can be done over the phone, through their store in Hamilton, or through the internet. We require every student to have a minimum of one Calvary logo dress shirt or dress blouse, a Calvary logo T-shirt, gym shorts, and bottoms with the CCS logo. T-shirts will be worn for gym and track and field, and the dress shirt will be required for special occasions that will be identified (Grandparents Day, Graduation, etc.)

1. Bottoms

The following "bottoms" may be worn: pants, slacks, skirts, jumpers, shorts, skorts, skirts, kilts (navy or black bicycle shorts must be worn under the kilt), and uniform track pants/gym shorts for Physical Education only. For school dress down days, we do not allow mini-skirts, ultra-low-rise pants, or ripped jeans. Spandex pants, leggings, and tight pants may only be worn with a long top (mid-thigh) over the leggings. Shorts, kilts and skorts must be to mid-thigh. All clothing must be altered to fit and appropriately tailored. Skirts may not be rolled at the waist and pant legs may not have rolled cuffs. Gym shorts are not to be worn for everyday use. **NOTE: Students must wear navy or black shorts under skirts, jumpers, and kilts.**

2. Tops

The following "tops" may be worn: collared shirts, golf shirts, sweaters, jackets, and vests. T-shirts are to be worn for gym only. For school dress down days, we do not allow tops with midriff exposure, spaghetti straps, or tank tops.

3. Footwear, Socks, Tights, and Leotards

Shoes are required at all times and may include any of the following: enclosed shoes, running shoes, sandals with adequate support (no flip flops or beach sandals). **Navy blue or black shoes are preferred for every day, so they match our school uniform but only mandatory as part of our dress uniform.** Socks, tights, or leotards must be Solid Navy Blue, Solid Black or Solid White. Socks must not be thigh high. Students must wear their indoor/gym shoes in the wintertime. Note: No slippers or boots of any kind are permitted inside the classrooms. **NOTE: Kindergarten students are only permitted to wear shoes and sandals with closed toes (No Crocs please).**

4. Physical Education

The following clothes are required: shorts with the school logo and white or navy T-shirts with the school logo. During the cooler months, track pants with the school logo will also be allowed. An extra pair of non-marking gym shoes are required. All grades must wear their gym uniforms to school on gym days.

5. Modesty and Neatness

- a. Clothing: The school uniform must be worn neatly and appropriately (i.e. waistband worn at the waist). Uniform clothes must be clean, not stained or torn. Dress shirts and blouses must be tucked in. Shirtsleeves may not be rolled, and a layered look is not permitted (for example, wearing a long sleeved turtleneck under a short sleeved dress shirt). Only the top two buttons may be undone. Pant legs may not be rolled. Skirts, jumpers, dresses, skorts, and shorts must be mid-thigh in length. Belts must be solid blue or solid black with no decorative buckle. Suspenders are not allowed. All items must be properly hemmed. Only plain all white t-shirts/undershirts may be worn under uniform shirts.
- b. Make-up: Modesty includes no excessive make-up (i.e. make-up that becomes the dominant feature of the face). Nail polish must be modest in colour and not be a dominant feature (no designs are allowed).
- c. Jewelry/Accessories: Maximum of one necklace and bracelet with no dramatic features. Body Piercing (including ear piercing for boys) and Tattoos are not allowed at Calvary Christian School. Girls may have pierced ears, but not multiple piercing around the upper ear.
- d. Hair: Hair colouring that is not a natural colour (this includes yellow, bright red or ink black colouring) is not permitted except for specified fun days. All students are required to have neatly groomed (clean and combed) hair that does not hang into their eyes. Hair styling may not be dramatic in look.
- e. Footwear: Solid coloured shoes and shoelaces are preferred.
- f. Hats: Hats, bandanas, and kerchiefs are not allowed unless identified for a specific event.

We also exhibit modesty in behaviour, which includes physical actions and expressions. All modesty requirements apply to dress down days.

Exceptions

It is our intention to have non-standardized dress code days. These theme days will coincide with our Student Council Fun Days and will continue to follow modest and appropriate dress guidelines. We encourage all children to participate in our theme days.

Accountability

1. We believe that parents want to have the best possible conditions for their family's development and enrichment and so we respectfully request that all students dress neatly, modestly and with moderation to reflect Christian attitudes. Parents are to ensure that their child(ren) understand and abide by the Dress Code.
2. Inappropriate dress code standards will be determined at the discretion of the teachers and principal. The parents will be notified of any inappropriate dress code issues and may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothing to the school. Disciplinary measures will be taken for repeat offenders.
3. Students who challenge the dress code policy will be sent home and parental interview will be arranged to resolve the problem. If a student persists in violating the dress code, then the right of the student to attend Calvary Christian School may be withdrawn. Students who have any questions about whether or not something is appropriate must check with their classroom teacher for clarification.
4. Parents/Guardians are requested to follow the school's dress code when volunteering in the school or at school events.