

Students protest at dress rules in India

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ONE of Mumbai's best known colleges has banned female students from wearing ripped jeans, sparking the latest row against dress codes and curfews imposed on women that students say are discriminatory and sexist.

St Xavier's College, which had previously forbidden female students from wearing shorts, sleeveless tops and short dresses, this month added ripped jeans to its list of banned clothing.

The Jesuit institution became the latest to incur the wrath of female students across the country who have been protesting rules that they say are discriminatory and distressing.

Most universities in India have a 6:00pm or 8:00pm curfew for women, while men have a later timing, or no curfew.

Universities also impose dress codes on women, limit or screen their male visitors, and have other rules that men don't.