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STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school on 8560 6079.

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Dohertys Creek P-9 College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Dohertys Creek P-9 College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance and positive self/body image
- support Dohertys Creek P-9 College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities. The expectations for students in Primary and Secondary differ slightly, due to requirements in curriculum, physical spaces that students learn in, and the teaching and learning programs on offer.

Uniform and appearance

The full list of Dohertys Creek P-9 College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Dohertys Creek P-9 College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden or are navy/white in colour.

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- **Dress / Pinafore / Skirt** – No long pants are to be worn under the dress or pinafore except in the case of cultural reasons (navy leggings are acceptable, track pants and general pants are not)
- **Skorts –** can be worn with navy tights and can be worn all year if preferred
- **Clothing of a cultural or religious nature** such as turbans, hijabs, etc should be white, navy, black or red in colour
- **Pants / Trousers –** can be worn with tops and jackets only – not with dresses, skirts, pinafores or skorts
- **Tracksuit pants** - can only be worn by years 7-9 as part of their sports uniform. Tracksuit pants are not to be worn by Prep – Year 6 students.
- Secondary uniform is not to be worn by the primary students except for the school dress which is Prep – Year 9.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Simple stud earrings and sleepers (smaller than 16mm) worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Earrings may need to be covered or removed for sport or practical purposes. Earrings that are larger than 16mm or that have hanging elements to them are not permitted due to safety reasons.

All other piercings must be removed or replaced with clear invisi-studs, which may need to be covered or removed for sport and practical activities.

As per our mobile phone policy, smart watches should be placed on flight mode and will need to be removed during assessments.

All medical alert jewellery/devices are permitted in addition to the above, but may need to be removed for sport or practical activities.

Cosmetics and beauty accessories (such as stick on nails, eyelash extensions, etc) may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted. Students who wear inappropriate jewellery or makeup to school will be asked to remove it.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Hair accessories must be in school colours only – red, navy or white. Black hair accessories are acceptable.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Shoes

In the Primary year levels sensible black close toed runners or leather shoes must be worn. Primary students should be able to move freely, participate in play and learning activities.

In the Secondary levels fully closed (not T-bar), black leather or black artificial leather/vegan school shoe options must be worn with the Academic uniform, when working in Science and Kitchen spaces and when accessing the Design Tech and Trade spaces. This is to protect students from spills and machinery. Runners must be worn for Physical Education and Sport sessions, alongside the Sport uniform.

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Purchase of uniforms

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone Imagewear (54 Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing), or online at https://www.noone.com.au/school/dohertys-creek-p-9-college-truganina/shop

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact a member of the Principal Team to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: https://www.ssr.net.au/

Implementation

Dohertys Creek P-9 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, upon enrolment at our school and through regular reminders on Compass and during School assemblies. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Dohertys Creek P-9 College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO student dress code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

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Concerns about this student dress code

Dohertys Creek P-9 College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our school website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- Dohertys Creek P-9 College Sunsmart Policy
- Dohertys Creek P-9 College Parent Complaint Policy
- Dohertys Creek P-9 College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	14th December, 2023
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	December, 2026

APPENDIX A: DOHERTYS CREEK P-9 COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

Prep to Year 6

The following items may be worn all year round:

Item	Description
Tunic	Navy with logo
Dress	Navy/White check with logo
Skort	Navy
Trousers	Navy
Shorts	Navy
Shirt – short sleeve or long sleeve	Navy check with collar and logo
T Shirt – short sleeve or long sleeve	White and navy stripe with logo
Pullover	Red with white stripe and logo
Vest	Red with white stripe and logo
Jacket – soft shell	Navy with piping and logo
Socks or tights/stockings	Navy blue or white
Bucket Hat	Navy with logo
Shoes	Black closed toe school shoes or black runners Runners are to be worn on sport days
Headwear	Navy Blue, red or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Year 7 - 9

The following items may be worn all year round:

Item	Description
Dress	Navy/White check with logo
Skirt	Navy
Trousers (tailored)	Navy
Shorts (tailored)	Navy
Shirt – short sleeve or long sleeve	Navy/Red/White check with collar and logo
Pullover	Navy with logo
Puffer Vest	Navy with logo
Puffer Jacket	Navy with logo
Soft shell Jacket	Navy with logo
Socks or tights/stockings	Navy blue or white
Polo (sports uniform)	Navy / Red sub design
Crew neck long sleeve t-shirt (sports uniform)	Navy/ Red sub design
Sports Shorts (sports uniform)	Navy
Track pants (sports uniform)	Navy
Bucket Hat	Navy with logo
Shoes	Black school shoes (leather/artificial leather options) with the Academic uniform Black runners are permitted to be worn on sport days
Headwear	Navy, Black, Blue, red or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

*The Year 7-9 uniform does not include a cap as pictured. Year 7-9’s are permitted to wear a bucket hat with school logo only.