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SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Rationale

At DMC, we expect all our students to wear the uniform appropriately both in and out of school. Since all students reap the benefits of the College's reputation, each student must act in a manner that protects our good name. The uniform of any organisation is worn correctly.

Any student who arrives at the college and does not wear the correct attire will be issued with Uniform Infringement. The Sports Uniform, or parts thereof, is not to be worn in conjunction with the College uniform to school in the morning unless they have PE lessons or Cert Sport (Year 11 and 12 ONLY) in the morning. If there is a valid medical reason why your child may need to wear their sports uniform (wearing a moon boot, cast or arm in a sling), please communicate this to your child's homeroom teacher.

It is a condition of enrolment at the College that students conform to the uniform standards. A full uniform must be worn while the student travels to and from the College. A student's repeated failure to maintain high standards, both within the College and in the public area, will result in appropriate consequences.

Parents/ Guardians of students wearing skirts (girls) or pants (boys) where the length does not comply with College requirements will be notified and asked to rectify the length within a given period of time.

Key points:

- 1) **Students unable to wear the correct uniform:** Where a uniform discrepancy needs to occur for a short period (e.g., due to shoes being repaired), a note dated, written, and signed by a parent or guardian must be written and presented at homeroom in the morning.
- 2) **School Bag:** Only approved College bags are permitted.
- 3) **Socks:** Students must wear the approved College socks with the Summer and Winter uniforms.
- 4) **T-shirt under the uniform:** For warmth, a plain white T-shirt (short-sleeve ONLY) may be worn under school shirts.
- 5) **Shoes:** Shoes must be substantial and of a style approved by the College. They must have closed-toe, plain black leather uppers that can be polished and a heel (no more

than 2cm high). They are to be kept clean! When shoes wear out, they must be replaced immediately by another pair approved by the College, even if this occurs late in Term 4. Black sneakers, boots, and other alternatives are not acceptable footwear.

6) **Hats:** The College sunhat is compulsory for all students.

Consequences:

- 1) Without correct uniform at school: Repeated neglect of proper uniform will be brought to the notice of the parents/ guardians who may ask college students to return home until they have complied with the Uniform Policy.
- 2) Within the school grounds: Students who wear their uniform inappropriately at school, e.g. wearing a Sports Uniform instead of a College Uniform, will be given immediate lunchtime detention and uniform infringement.
- 3) Jewellery: Excess jewellery will be confiscated and passed to the student's homeroom teacher.
 - On the **first** occasion, it will be returned to the student the next school day
 - On the **second** occasion, it will be returned at the end of the school week after the parent/ guardian has been notified.
 - On the **third** occasion, it will be returned at the end of the term after the parent/ guardian has been notified

Body Piercing

Visible body/ facial piercings (other than one piercing on the lower earlobe) are not permitted. Leniency will not be shown to students who choose to have extra visible piercings done during the school year, up to and including end-of-year ceremonies. Use of a bandaid or other cover for piercings is not acceptable. A limit of only one very small unobtrusive clear plug is permitted in each ear. If in doubt, please check with the Year Coordinators beforehand. Students who have inappropriate/ multiple piercings may be excluded from classes until the problem is rectified.

Hair

Hair should be styled conservatively, regularly washed, and kept tidy at all times. For boys, this means adhering to short and blended cuts; trendy styles such as mohawks, mullets, dreadlocks, braids, twirls, cornrows, or undercuts are not permitted. Additionally, extreme differences in hair length are to be avoided in favour of a uniform, blended length.

Girls' hair should either be short or tied back securely. Fringes longer than the eyebrows must always be clipped back. Hair accessories are limited to plain black, red, or white colours and should not be decorated or patterned. Hair that cannot be tied back must be secured with clips to ensure it does not obstruct the face.

For girls (ONLY) wearing braided hair, the braids should be close to the scalp or tied back at the nape of the neck. Braids that cannot be tied back must remain close to the scalp until they are long enough to be tied back. Braids should also be of a single colour without any highlights. These standards aim to promote a uniform and respectful appearance while allowing for practicality and neatness in student grooming.

Furthermore, students are not allowed to change their hair colour, and boys are restricted from shaving their heads **shorter than a no. 2 guard length** without prior permission from the Year Coordinator or Head of Secondary.

Jewellery and Makeup

Jewellery is limited to a watch and, if parents permit, earrings and a necklace. If earrings are worn, they are limited to plain gold or silver studs or sleepers, and only one pair may be worn at a time – one in each ear, or not at all. If parents permit a necklace, then only one necklace is to be worn with a cross or a religious item. Bracelets and rings are not to be worn as they pose a hazard in school and sport activities. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings of any kind. **No students are permitted to wear make-up or fake/acrylic nails at school. If students have make up on at school they will be provided with makeup removal to remove makeup immediately.**

Sport Uniform

Kindy to Year 10

Sports clothes are to be worn correctly on the days set aside.

The College permits students to wear the College sports uniform to and from school only on days when the Physical Education class is scheduled.

Year 11 and 12

Year 11 and 12 students who have scheduled Health and Physical Education/ Certificate Sports and Recreations/ Outdoor Education classes **must wear the College uniform to school** and are permitted to change into the College sports uniform as follows:

- **Practical PE class scheduled in Before School, Period 1 or 2:** students permitted to wear their full sport uniform to school and then change back into their College uniform at the end of the lesson.
- **Practical PE class scheduled in Period 3, 4 or 5:** students are required to wear the College uniform to and from school and then change into the College sport uniform in the first 3-4 minutes of their PE lesson. Students are to change back into their College uniform at the end of the lesson or lunchtime.
- **Practical PE class scheduled in Period 6, 7, or after school:** students are required to wear College uniform to school then change into the College sport uniform at lunchtime or at the beginning of the lesson. At the conclusion of their lesson they are permitted to leave the College wearing the College sport uniform.

Hats

A black school hat with a red 'DMC' logo is required for all students throughout the year during recess, lunch, and PE classes.

All year groups must wear school hats during physical education classes, as well as during the third and fourth terms for recess and lunch breaks.

Infringements

After three (3) infringements, a Parent letter will be sent home requesting that the student conform to College guidelines. If the student continues not to wear the correct school uniform, the student will receive an after-school detention. If the student still continues not to wear the correct school uniform, the student will not be able to attend classes and will be sent home. This will be continued until the situation is resolved.

The final decision in matters pertaining to uniforms rests with the Year Coordinator and Principal.

Review History

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