



DONGARA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

RATIONALE

Our school's dress requirements play an important role in promoting a positive image of our school and creating a sense of identity among students, contributing to their sense of pride in belonging to this school community. We believe that by maintaining a standard of dress and presenting in a co-coordinated way, our efforts will contribute significantly to each individual student's capacity to "Achieve with Honour". It is expected that all students in PP-12 will comply with the school dress code. We encourage Kindergarten students to wear a uniform as part of their transition.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

	Official Occasions/Events	School Wear	Sports Wear
Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White polo shirt with collar and school emblem (K-6) • White piped polo shirt with embroidered emblem (Yr 7-12) • Shorts – navy/white pinstripe • Pants – navy • Top – navy long sleeved with emblem • Jacket-Soft Shell with coloured embroidered school logo • Hat/Cap – navy plain or DDHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy or White polo shirt with collar and school emblem (K-6) • Navy or White piped polo shirt with embroidered emblem (Yr 7-12) • Shorts – navy/white pinstripe • Pants – navy • Top – navy long sleeved • Jacket-Soft Shell with coloured embroidered school logo • Hat/Cap – navy plain or DDHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faction coloured polo shirt • Shorts – navy/white pinstripe • Sports Shoes • Thongs - for beach activities only • Hat – navy broad brimmed or bucket style
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White polo shirt with collar and school emblem (K-6) • White piped polo shirt with embroidered emblem (Yr 7-12) • Skirt – navy • Skorts - navy • Shorts - navy/white pinstripe • Dress – button through navy check white collar and sleeve trim • Top – navy long sleeved with emblem • Jacket-Soft Shell with coloured embroidered school logo • Hat/Cap – navy plain or DDHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy or White polo shirt with collar and school emblem (K-6) • Navy or White piped polo shirt with embroidered emblem (Yr 7-12) • Skirt – navy • Skorts - navy • Shorts – navy/white pinstripe • Dress – button through navy check white collar and sleeve trim • Pants – navy • Top – navy long sleeved • Jacket-Soft Shell with coloured embroidered school logo • Hat/Cap – navy plain or DDHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faction coloured polo shirt • Shorts – navy/white pinstripe • Skorts - navy • Sports shoes • Thongs - for beach activities only • Hat – navy broad brimmed or bucket style

Variations and additions to normal school dress include Year 12 Leavers jumpers, SWL/Traineeship Shirts and work wear as negotiated by the employer, Year 11/12 Hospitality- black hospitality polo/black chef hat/enclosed shoes/black shorts, skirt, trousers if in community or as negotiated by employer, Year 6 Camp T Shirt – white/blue base, Dance Production T Shirt/jacket – white/blue base. All should be in keeping with school colours or course requirements.

- *Denim* - is excluded from the dress requirements. Denim refers to Navy (Blue) Denim, faded, stonewashed, distressed, torn, scratched, dirty etc.
- *Covered shoes or sandals* - NO thongs or open-backed footwear with the exception of beach activities. (Note: Only covered footwear is acceptable in Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Science and Physical Education. Students wearing inappropriate footwear may be excluded from lessons for safety reasons.)
- Navy *hats or caps* plain or with DDHS printed/embroidered are to be worn all year. A "No Hat No Sun" rule applies to years K-12.
- *Jewellery* – Earrings will be sleepers or studs. Students may be instructed to remove jewellery for safety reasons.
- *Make-up* - is deemed unnecessary and at all times students should present with due regard to modesty.
- *Logo's* –clothing with logos other than those associated with the school are considered not part of the school uniform.
- *Hair* - Hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back for the safety of the student and others.



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EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Exemptions may be formal or informal and cover short or long term periods. General exemption from wearing uniform is pursued by way of letter to the Principal outlining grounds for non-compliance. The Principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- the unavailability an item;
- matters relating to the student's health;
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or the student's family;
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student's family; or
- any other matter which in the Principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirements. (Regulation 35(2))

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Students who are not able to comply with the school dress requirements and do not have a valid exemption will have the following sanctions applied. These sanctions will apply to assist staff to maintain a safe environment, readily identify all authorized students and visitors and promote the good image of the school. As per the Education Act 1999 Regulations 36 (2) and 36 (4) the Principal may do the following:

- a) Prevent the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school.
- b) Prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program.
- c) Prevent the student from participating in any school activity that may impact on the occupational safety and health of the student or others.

Daily exemption:

- (i) Class and Form teachers will identify students who are not complying with the dress code at the start of the day and these students will be recorded as 'out of uniform' on the absentee sheet. This will be taken into consideration when allocating personal house points each term.
- (ii) If a note is produced from parents to explain non-compliance, then this is recorded on the daily return and referred to the Principal.

Students who do not comply with the dress requirements are required to be located in the admin pergola area during recess and lunchtime. Students with an exemption will have a special pass which can be displayed during the day for teachers to easily identify.

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

- (a) The school dress advisory panel will offer assistance and support for students and their families where difficulties with compliance arise.
- (b) The school will inform parents of the conditions for financial assistance, including direct assistance to holders of some pension and health care cards at secondary level.

MANAGEMENT OF CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Development of school dress requirements is undertaken by the School Council. Changes to dress requirements are:

- Based on advice from students, parents and staff;
- Based on information from regular reviews of the dress requirements, including patterns of exemption granted to date; and
- Introduced after reasonable notification parents.

The School Council has approved the Dongara DHS student dress requirements and supports the approach being taken in the procedures outlined.

Janine Calver, Principal

Kristy Butcher, School Board Chairperson

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