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'Dunkeld Consolidated School's vision is to provide a safe, engaging, and supportive environment that enables students to always be their best as respectful, resilient members of the community.'

Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Dunkeld Consolidated School'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 Dunkeld Consolidated School'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.
- Support Dunkeld Consolidated School'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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

Uniform and appearance

The full list of Dunkeld Consolidated School'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, Dunkeld Consolidated School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics and nail polish may not be worn at school.

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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside Term 1 and Term 4 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 or beanies 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.

Purchase of uniforms

Some uniform items including school rugby jumpers may be ordered from Dunkeld Consolidated School. All other uniform items can be sourced locally or online, including tartan pinafores.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School also sells second-hand uniforms to parents. Please contact the school office for further details.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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

Dunkeld Consolidated School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at the time of enrolment or during the Kindergarten to School

Transition program. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

All students are expected to be in uniform at all times unless a note is provided to explain why the child is not in uniform or if there is a special activity where parents are notified that school uniform is not to be worn.

Exemptions to school 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.

Concerns about this student dress code

Dunkeld Consolidated School 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/Guardian Concerns and Complaints Policy and Procedures.

Further information and resources

- Dunkeld Consolidated School Sun Smart UV Policy
- Dunkeld Consolidated School Parent/ Guardian Concerns and Complaints Policy and Procedures
- Dunkeld Consolidated School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

- Dunkeld Consolidated School Gender Diversity Policy
- Department of Education and Training (DET) [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training (DET) [Student Engagement Policies and Guidelines](#)

APPENDIX A: DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn throughout the year, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

- School rugby jumper with school logo (optional).
- Navy woollen jumper or navy crew neck windcheater.

Polo shirts

- Royal blue long or short sleeved.

Socks or tights/stockings

- Navy blue or white socks.
- Navy blue tights/stockings.

FOOTWEAR

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes, black runners with full black sole or pull on black school boots are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted. Black runners can be worn every day. Runners with colour can be worn on scheduled PE days and on school sports days.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls:

- Dresses - Blue and white checked dress.
- Shorts/Skorts - Tailored navy blue shorts or skorts without decoration or brand name.

Boys:

- Shorts - Tailored navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name.

WINTER UNIFORM

Skivvies

- Plain royal blue skivvy.

Girls:

- Tailored navy trousers.

- Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name.
- Tartan trousers, skirt or pinafore.

Boys:

- Tailored navy trousers.
- Plain navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name.

Hats are to be worn from 1 September to 30 April:

Navy school hats are provided to each new Prep student by School Council. New school hats can be purchased from the Dunkeld Consolidated School office.

House Sports uniform for girls and boys

Royal blue (Sturgeon House) or red (Wannon House) polo shirt with navy blue shorts/skirt/skort.

Students representing the school in SGSSA, zone or regional events will be loaned school uniform items for these events e.g. spray jackets, polo shirts or singlets.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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