



College council will review this policy every three years or as directed by DET

Date approved: August 2017

Date of next review: 2020

RATIONALE

Uniform assists students to develop a sense of pride in belonging to the College community. It enables easy identification of our students at and outside the College. College uniform minimises the cost of clothing for students.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- assist in the development of self-discipline by specific attention to dress;
- help reduce social and economic differences between students;
- assist in the provision of a safe and secure environment through immediate identification of unauthorised people in the College buildings and grounds;
- to foster a positive image of Doncaster Secondary College in the local community.

GUIDELINES

1. All students are required to wear the designated College uniform.
2. College uniform must be worn correctly to and from the College, at the College and for all College activities unless the Principal gives an exemption for a particular activity such as a social service free dress day.
3. College uniform requirements described in detail in the student planner.
4. College uniform should be practical and easily available.
5. Specified Doncaster Secondary College sports uniform must be worn for Physical Education and Sport.
6. Provision through such agencies as the Doncaster Secondary College Uniform Swap Shop and State Schools Relief Fund will be made to assist families who have financial difficulty in providing a uniform.
7. All staff members are responsible for monitoring student uniform.
8. The Student Code of Conduct as described in the College Strategic Plan will be implemented to ensure that students comply with uniform requirements.

BASIS OF DISCRETION

Exemption from the policy will only be varied by the College Administration where special circumstances exist. A written application is to be made to the College Council.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

1. As required a Uniform Sub-Committee of College Council will make recommendations to Council regarding changes to uniform.
2. A student who is not in complete uniform must bring an explanatory note from a parent/guardian to the appropriate Level Co-ordinator prior to the start of the school day.
3. Sub-schools will be responsible for issuing temporary uniform passes to students who provide adequate explanation for being out of uniform.
4. Any student who is out of uniform and who has not obtained a uniform pass shall be referred to the appropriate Level Coordinator.
5. Persistent offenders will be subject to the disciplinary procedures.
6. Details of the College uniforms will be published.
7. Any teacher who plans to organise an excursion where it is inappropriate for students to wear their uniform must discuss the situation with a member of the Principal class team. Parents will be notified when students have been given permission to attend an excursion in casual dress.