

School Dress Code

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DALWALLINU
District High School



Since 1964, Dalwallinu District High School has had a Dress Code Policy. We strive to have a reputation of high academic achievement and social success. Please demonstrate that you are proud to be a member of this school by reflecting its good image in the way you dress. We look forward to your support in building our school uniform approach the best it can be and ensuring that your child is wearing it fully every day.

All uniforms can be purchased from Brownie in the School Canteen. If you require a sizing that is not available, please inform Brownie of this to enable her to order the correct sizing for your child.

A School Dress Code:

- Contributes to a sense of unity and pride in our school
- Contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing the levels of competitive dressing
- Increases the safety of students both in the school and on excursions
- Increases the profile of the school in the wider community
- Is cost effective with a choice of affordable clothing

PRIMARY STUDENTS

The uniform for primary students consists of:

GIRLS

Check dress in Dalwallinu District High School fabric
Green/Black dress with Gold pinstripe
Green/Black shirt with Gold pinstripe
Bottle green shorts, skirts or skorts

BOYS

Green/Black with Gold Pin Strip shirts
Bottle green shorts or pants

Winter (Boys and Girls)

Green track pants
Green tights (for girls) – can be footless tights – must be worn under a skirt
Green Dalwallinu District High School fleecy polo jumpers, or Green/Gold sports jacket

SECONDARY STUDENTS

The uniform for secondary students consists of:

TOPS

Green/Black with Gold Pin Strip shirts
Green and Gold sports jacket, or Green Dalwallinu District High School fleecy polo jumpers
There are to be no visible additions to these items – no coloured garments hanging below the school shirt, no long-sleeved shirts under the school shirt, and no skivvies visible at the neckline. Hoodies will not be acceptable. If extra warmth is required, students can choose to wear appropriate undergarments (singlets, thermal underwear, etc).

BOTTOMS

Neat fitting green track pants, dress shorts or skirts.

ALL STUDENTS

The following is applicable to both primary and secondary students.

FOOTWEAR

Fully enclosed school shoes, sports shoes/sandshoes, or strapped sandals. Thongs, boots and Ugg boots are all unacceptable.

HATS

Students are expected to wear the approved bucket hat when outside for recess and lunch times, excursions, Physical Education and Sport. Reversible Bucket hats in Faction colours are available for purchase through the school Canteen. Dalwallinu District High School is a Sun Safe school, and the wearing of hats is expected all year round when outside.

JEWELLERY, HAIR AND MAKEUP

Modest and inconspicuous. Hair should be of a natural colour and not cut or dyed in a manner that draws unwarranted attention. E.g. pink, blue, Mohawk. Long hair ie anything touching the shoulders or longer, must be tied up for health and safety reasons at all times when in attendance/on school grounds.

EARRINGS

Students are not to wear earrings which could be considered a safety issue. The only acceptable earrings are studs or hoops which are sufficiently small that they cannot be accidentally torn from the ear.

BODY PIERCING

Body jewellery other than in the ears is discouraged. Should a student undertake to have piercing through places other than ears, there will be a need to ensure that Occupational Health and Safety issues are addressed. Student will be asked to remove or cover protruding jewellery that could be caught on clothing or pose a danger or threat to a child during school activities. Students who cannot comply with that instruction will be able to observe a lesson but will not be able to participate.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Denim jeans of any colour (as per the education act), beanies, singlets, bandannas, jeggings, long sleeved tees or jumpers with/without hoods under the school polo shirt, tights/leggings under shorts or black tracksuit pants/shorts/skirts.

EXEMPTIONS

The Principal may exempt students from the School Dress Code upon written request from their parents or caregivers. Grounds on which exemption may be sought include:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- Itinerant students
- Genuine medical or family sickness

Black tracksuits/shorts are not included in the School Dress Code Policy and will therefore lead to the following consequences.

CONSEQUENCES

If out of uniform, students will be asked to attend the front office where they will be required to swap their item of non-uniform clothing for the correct uniform and return it to the office at the end of the day for washing. They will then receive their own item back.

If a student is not compliant when given this opportunity to change, they will be given some *think time* to consider their choices, and then, depending on their choice, be asked to continue their work for the day in the Admin area as withdrawal from class. Parents will be informed if this occurs. If a student becomes argumentative over the issue further behavioural consequences will apply and may result in a loss of privilege or restricted movement during lunch or recess.

The support you can give as a parent is to ensure that your child is equipped with full school uniform, including a jumper or jacket in Winter. It might be necessary for older students to work on managing the washing and drying

(especially in Winter) so that they are available every day. It is only in the minority of cases, brought to the attention of an Admin member that a student will be exempt from the process. If this is the case, please phone the front office and speak with the Principal or Deputy Principal on 9661 1204 *before school* so this exemption can be arranged.

To ensure the safety of all students when they are away from school property, it is school policy that only students in school uniform may attend excursions; unless otherwise organised. Students out of uniform on the day of the excursion will remain at school with appropriate work.

Please note that if a parent is experiencing financial hardship and needs some support from the school in purchasing a school uniform for their child, you are very welcome to contact the school for this support.

Policy Review and Maintenance

- The **School Dress Code Policy** will have input from the school community through the School Council
- The policy will have input from the students through the Student Council
- The policy will be reviewed at regular intervals
- The school will promote the policy through newsletter items and assembly items
- The administration will allocate time to review and maintain the policy

This course of action has been endorsed by the School Council and school staff as a means of ensuring that the focus of students, at the school, remains one of academic success.

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