

RATIONALE

Denmark Senior High School has a Dress Code Policy which has the approval of the School Board and is in line with Department of Education policy. Students are strongly encouraged to wear the dress code for the following reasons:

- Students are encouraged to be proud of their school and to identify with it by wearing school clothing.
- A positive image of the school is promoted.
- Fashion elitism is avoided and so is the pressure placed on parents to purchase expensive clothing for school use.
- The safety of students is more easily managed by staff because students are easier to identify and wear clothing appropriate for the school environment.
- Students are taught the importance of being well groomed at school and later on in life when they seek employment.

DRESS CODE

General Information

The Denmark Senior High School dress code entails a school uniform with items of clothing as follows:

i. SHIRTS



- Navy short sleeve polo with the school emblem embroidered.
- Special event polo shirts with DSHS logo as approved by the School Board.



All Students – plain white, navy or black undershirt is permitted to be worn 'under' school polo shirts.

ii. BOTTOMS

- Micro fibre navy blue/black shorts/skirts or long pants
- Drop waist navy pleated skirt
- Micro fibre navy or black track suit pants
- Navy/black shorts or long pants in drill type cotton or poly viscose

iii. JACKETS



- Navy blue DSHS jacket or hoodie.
- Year 12 Leavers Jacket/Rugby top
- Basketball program "Nationals" jacket
- Canberra trip puffer jacket

iv. FOOTWEAR

All footwear must be acceptable to Occupational Health and Safety standards. Ugg boots, thongs and strappy sandals are not acceptable. Slip-on shoes must be of sturdy construction and be attached to the foot. For their own safety, students must wear covered footwear for all practical classes.

v. PIERCINGS

Occupational Safety and Health concerns prohibit the wearing of certain piercings by students at school. Some school activities may require that all piercings are removed for the duration of the lesson, for safety reasons.

vi. ACCESSORIES

- Navy blue or black tights/leggings may be worn **under skirts or shorts only**. No other colours are acceptable.
- Jewellery- Is not part of the uniform and should be kept to a minimum. Watches are acceptable.
- Make up - Noticeable or distinctive makeup should not be worn.

Notes:

- Denim must not be worn to school.** The Department of Education Dress Code for Students in Public Schools Policy Version 2.4 (January 2018) states "*clothing made from denim is not included in the school dress code for all schools.*"
- Skirts and shorts that are too short will be deemed as inappropriate and parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes to the school, or the student will be provided with clothes to change in to. General rule of thumb – place arms by side – longest finger length - minimum shorts length.
- Board shorts or airflow shorts are not to be worn to school as uniform.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Physical Education

Students are required to bring a change of clothing for physical education classes and to change before and after lessons in the gymnasium change rooms. This requirement is in order to promote personal health and hygiene. The required attire is:

- Navy blue plain or Sports T Shirt with Denmark Sports or Basketball logo.
- Sports shorts in black or navy blue can be worn for Physical Education. Students must change back into school uniform at the end of a Basketball or Physical Education sessions. Track suit in school colours.

Special Ceremonies and Functions

School blazers, (if required) are available for students who represent the school at special ceremonies or functions such as the Anzac Day ceremony. These can be collected free of charge from the front office. Students are required to supply their own white button up dress shirt, black shoes and navy blue dress trousers (as required).

Sports Carnival Days

When students represent Denmark Senior High School as part of a sporting team (e.g. football or netball) uniforms may be supplied by the school.

Country Week Students

Students attending Country Week are required to wear full Country Week uniform whilst representing the school.

Year 12 Students

Traditionally, Year 12 students design their own Leavers' jumper or jacket, which should reflect the school's colours. This must be approved by the School Board.

CLOTHING AVAILABILITY

School uniform items are available for purchase from Denmark Cooperative, Strickland Street, Denmark.

Families who may be experiencing financial difficulties may make arrangements with the Principal.

CHANGES TO THE DRESS CODE

Any changes to the dress code must be endorsed by the School Board after consultation with the staff. The Student Leadership group (who represent the students) may be consulted where appropriate.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS REQUIREMENTS

During Period 1, students who are out of dress code will sent to front office, issued a uniform pass and their name will be recorded on Compass by front office staff. This pass is to be shown to teachers of subsequent classes to confirm that the student has been recorded as being out of uniform for that day. This pass will have the date on it so it cannot be used again at another time.

If the student has a note from a parent/caregiver to explain why the student is not in dress code and detailing when they will return to full uniform, there will be no consequences regarding Good Standing. This will be recorded on the database with a notation to that fact. Should this happen frequently, the Deputy Principal will telephone the parents/caregivers.

Repeated uniform incident entries places a student's Good Standing at risk.

Parents/caregivers of students who wish to be exempt from the school dress code must apply to the Principal.

Endorsed by School Board

Date: 8 August 2022

REVIEW OF THE POLICY

This policy will be reviewed periodically.

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Aspiration*