

Secondary School



Uniform Policy



Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision

Our Vision at Dale is to offer affordable, quality education within the framework of a Christ-Centred Biblical World View as we strive to equip our students with skills and strong values that encourage them to pursue excellence in all areas.

Mission

Every student at Dale Christian College will clearly hear the claims of Christ on their life through management, curriculum, and teaching practices and see the love of God at work in the College community.

Core Values

At Dale Christian College, our focus is on digging wells of wisdom and truth instead of building fences of exclusion. As staff, we pledge to infuse Christian principles into our activities and educational approaches, aiming to illuminate Christ's light in our community by embodying our core values in practical ways.



Honouring God and the Bible

- We commit to centering our practices and teachings on a Christ-focused biblical worldview. Our reverence for God and His Word permeates our daily devotions and curriculum. We work towards cultivating a community that seeks to Glorify God in all things.
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)



Respect: Others & Ourselves

- Respect is crucial in our college community, mirroring God's view of each individual as His beloved creation. Shown through courteous communication and acknowledging inherent value, we foster a Christ-centred, nurturing environment.
"So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)



Stewardship & Responsibility

- We instill responsibility in our students through the care of College resources and personal belongings. Leadership roles and community service opportunities foster a sense of duty and environmental responsibility, aligning with our commitment to stewardship of God's creation.
"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." (Luke 16:10)



Justice & Mercy

- Our College maintains just rules and consequences, echoing Jesus' teachings of justice and mercy. We inspire students to pursue fairness and exhibit compassion in their interactions, cultivating a community that values both justice and forgiveness. Students are encouraged to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)



Pursuing Excellence

- At Dale Christian College, excellence transcends academics, focusing on personal growth in line with Christian teachings. We celebrate progress, embrace a growth mindset, and view mistakes as learning opportunities, encouraging efforts as if serving the Lord.
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3:23-24)

Version Management

Version	Date Published	Changes Made	Author of Changes	Board Approved
1	2018 05 10	Removed Deputies. Added "regulation School Socks"	Admin	2018 05 10
2	2019 05 28	Added "Students, where possible will be supplied with the missing....", "In certain circumstances ...", Boys hair added "and no longer than the eyebrows"	KC/AP	2019 05 28
3	2019 07 15	First section added "In certain circumstances...", Added temporary section regarding change over of uniforms for 2022. Medical Alert jewellery added as permitted, when a care plan is provided.	KC/AP	2019 07 15
4	2021 02 22	Stipulated "crew and ankle socks", not low cut. Changed school uniform table to reflect the same as the Handbook and the sports uniform, jewelry reworded to add plastic earrings, and permission to wear coloured studs. Removed "Deputy"	KC/ SM	2021 02 22
5	2022 01 31	Clarified Black Lace up SCHOOL shoe. Added Deputy and "Mullets" "Hairbuns", removed dresses	SM/FJ	2022 01 31
6	2022 09 16	Clarified Sports shoes (as per PS policy)	SM/GM	2022 09 16
7	2022 11 07	Clarified colouring of hair to "Own natural"	SM	2022 11 07
8	2023 05 26	Added section for Casual/Mufti days, reworded "Covid and related strains". Updated uniform table for girls and boys. Updated Vision and Mission. Clarified girls can wear clear earrings		2023 05 26
9	2023 09 13	Added Section on changing from old to new logo.	SM	
10	2024 06 18	Changed from DCS to DCC	SM	

Dale Christian College has implemented the Child Safe Standards and takes the safety of our children very seriously.

UNIFORM POLICY – SECONDARY SCHOOL

The College's colours are navy blue, white and grey. The uniform type and style will carry the College logo so that students are clearly identifiable as Dale Christian College students. Enrolment to Dale Christian College constitutes an awareness and acceptance of the College uniform code.

All uniform items must be in good state of repair and be clean and neat. Uniform must be worn in an appropriate manner and in keeping with the College requirements. All items are able to be purchased at the College Uniform Shop.

Uniform Shop: Opening hours: Tuesdays 8am-11am and Thursday 8am-11am and 2pm-4pm.

In certain circumstances, due to medical, psychological or social issues/conditions, a student may be permitted to wear the college sports uniform for a specific time period, once permission has been received from the Deputy / Principal.

UNIFORM PROCEDURE

Students need to be in correct uniform at all times. Uniforms must be checked in Form class. Should the uniform be incorrect, the student must be sent to Student Services for a uniform pass. Students will be required to carry the Uniform Pass with them for the entire day and present it when asked by any member of Staff. Students, where possible, will be supplied with the missing items from the second hand box to wear for the day and return at the end of the day.

When numerous uniform passes have been given in a term, the Parents will be contacted via text by Student Services. If there are repeat offences, the Parents will be contacted to discuss further action.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Parents are required to provide the correct items of uniform for their children and to ensure that they wear them daily in order to satisfy the conditions of enrolment. Parents must ensure that all items of uniform are marked with the student's name. All items are stocked in the College Uniform shop and, due to the specific nature of some items, must be purchased through the Uniform shop.

TRANSITION INTO NEW UNIFORM WITH NEW SCHOOL NAME

New Stock: The uniform shop has ordered new stock with the updated name and logo.

Discount on Old Stock: To assist families, we will be offering a 10% discount on all current stock with the old logo while supplies last.

Transition Period: Students can continue to wear their current uniforms with the old logo. We are aiming for a transition period of three years, with the start of 2027 being the target for all students to wear the updated uniform.

Continued Use: It is important to note that there is no immediate requirement to purchase the new uniform. Students can continue to wear their current uniforms, and we encourage you to make use of the discounted old stock for any additional uniform needs during the transition period.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

BOYS	GIRLS
White, short-sleeved shirt (with college logo) (Tucked in winter)	Short-sleeved white blouse with band (with college logo)
Grey trousers or grey shorts (not cargo)	Grey tartan skirt – no shorter than 5 cm above the knee - Compulsory
Grey Dale college socks, crew or ankle-length socks (not low cut)	White, crew or ankle-length Dale college socks or navy tights/opagues (not low cut)
Black lace-up leather/leather substitute school shoes Formal Dress style	Black lace-up leather/leather substitute school shoes Formal Dress Style
College hat or cap with logo	College hat or cap with logo
Unisex college tie (Winter only)	Unisex college tie (Winter only)
Knitted navy blue college jumper	Knitted navy blue college jumper
<i>Optional: Winter jackets are available for added warmth</i>	<i>Optional: Navy bootleg pants, Navy blue tights and Scarves are available for added warmth.</i>

The leather SCHOOL shoe is to be the formal lace up style. This does not include sneaker, canvas, Vans, Volly or sports options.

SPORTS UNIFORM

- College polo shirt and College shorts
- White short sport socks, a small logo is permitted
- Predominantly white shock absorbing shoes - (non-scuff sole, preferably white), no Volly OC's, Vans, skate shoes or canvas casual shoes.
- Unisex navy track pants and sports jacket (with logo)

During the thread of Covid and related strains, sports uniform will be worn on the day the student has sports class.

PE studies (years 11-12), Sports Rec and Special PE, the students are to change into their sports gear for the relevant period due to greatly reduced numbers.

COLLEGE BAG, BIBLE AND TOTE BAG

All students must have a Secondary School bag as supplied by the Uniform Shop.

HAIR – Girls

- Shoulder length hair (or longer) should be pulled back or up in a style that takes it off the shoulders.
- Head bands, ribbons, hair clips and bobbles are to be plain white, navy blue or red.
- Hair is to be out of eyes or pinned back, i.e., Fringe not to be longer than the eyebrows.
- Hair must be in their own natural colour.
- Highlights are not permitted.
- Bleached hair is not permitted.
- Students are not allowed to have their hair coloured other than their own natural tones.
- No fad hairstyles eg mohawks, half shaved heads, mullets, etc. If you are unsure if a particular style is permitted, please clarify with the Deputy / Principal or Pastoral Care Coordinator prior to getting your hair cut.

HAIR – Boys

- Hair is to be no longer than collar length and the fringe must be out of eyes and away from the ears and no longer than the eyebrows.
- Hair must be short, neat & tidy
- No facial hair is allowed.
- No fad hairstyles eg mohawks, half shaved heads, mullets, etc. If you are unsure if a particular style is permitted, please clarify with the Deputy / Principal prior to getting your hair cut.
- Students are not allowed to have their hair coloured other than their own natural tones.
- Boys are not to have ponytails, hairbuns or 'pinned-back' fringes.

JEWELLERY– Boys and Girls

- Medical Alert bracelets and necklaces are permitted where a care plan has been provided.
- Girls are permitted to wear one pair of studs or sleepers, (gold or silver) in their ears (one in each ear lobe). Girls can use clear earrings if they do have nose or an extra ear piercing.
- Earrings can have stones, jewels, pearls or other decorative items in them, but no dangling or large sized earrings allowed.
- Girls are allowed one pair of small sleepers or small stud earrings in the lower lobe of the ear.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
- Both boys and girls are permitted to wear a plain wristwatch, a Medic Alert bracelet or necklace if applicable.
- No other jewellery of any description is permitted.
- No body piercings including nose studs, fleshies or tattoos are allowed.

MAKE UP, HAIR TINTS/RINSES & OTHER – Boys and Girls

- No nail polish.
- No makeup.
- Natural nails only (i.e no fake, shellac, french, acrylic etc.)
- No tattoos are allowed.

Students are expected to be in the full college uniform from the time they leave home in the morning until they reach home again in the afternoon.

Students who are not in the correct uniform must do the following:

- Students must report to the Student Services before attending Form class.
- If the student is out of uniform for a legitimate reason (not wearing shoes because of a broken foot) the student must have a note from their parent in their diary and/or a medical certificate in order to be given a Uniform Pass without penalty.
- If a student does not have a note from their Parent, or they do not have a legitimate reason for having the incorrect uniform, the following penalty system applies. On the second and any subsequent occasion that a student is sent to Student Services for a minor breach to the uniform policy, the student will be issued with a detention.
- A note from a parent will only excuse a student if it is for a legitimate reason. If the College disputes the reason for the uniform infringement they will ring the parents of the student involved. If parents are not contactable, the student will have to wait in Student Services until contact is made.
- If the uniform breach is with regards to more than one item or issue, the student may not be permitted to attend classes that day.

- The following are legitimate reasons for wearing an incorrect uniform or for wearing the uniform incorrectly:
 - a) An injury to the student makes it difficult to wear the uniform. (Parents must contact the College Administration to arrange suitable, alternative attire and to discuss when the student will begin wearing the correct uniform again).
 - b) A part of the uniform has been ordered but it has not arrived. (Parents must contact the College Administration to arrange suitable, alternative attire and to discuss when the student will begin wearing the correct uniform again).
 - c) A clothing item has been lost or damaged and the Uniform Shop is not open to buy a new one. (Parents must contact the College Administration to arrange suitable, alternative attire and to discuss when the student will begin wearing the correct uniform again).
- The following are NOT legitimate reasons for wearing an incorrect or for wearing the uniform incorrectly:
 - a) Clothes were not washed.
 - b) Uniform being left at a friend's or relative's place.

Behaviour Whilst in Uniform

Students should always wear their College uniform with pride. If a student misbehaves whilst in their uniform or wears their uniform in a sloppy manner, this reflects badly on the College, which in turn affects all students and staff who attend Dale Christian College. For this reason, the Dale Christian College discipline and Uniform Policies apply to students at all times when they are in Dale Christian College uniform. This includes on the bus, at the shopping centre and anywhere in public.

Casual Dress / Mufti Days

Casual Dress Days are usually limited to one per term. The purpose of Casual Dress Day is at the discretion of the Principal/Deputy.

Casual Dress Day guidelines:

- dress is to be modest
- no skin tight clothing
- no singlet or halter neck tops or dresses for girls
- no offensive slogans and/or images on any clothing
- no bare midriffs
- no thighs showing (skirts, dresses and shorts to touch the knees)
- a little make-up and jewellery
- closed-in footwear is required
- no earrings for boys
- for Science, Home Economics and Technology, the student's hair is to be tied back, jewellery removed
- normal Physical Education uniform is required for Physical Education classes.

General uniform rules

- Students must wear the regulation College socks.
- Socks must not be worn lower than the ankle.
- Shoes must be black, polished leather lace-up school shoes with a low heel.
- Students wearing incorrect footwear will not be permitted to attend classes.
- Year 12 students are permitted to wear their Leavers' jacket during Terms two and three.
- Boys' shorts and trousers should be properly fitted so that they don't fall down. A black leather belt should be worn and the shirt tucked in.
- Belts should be black leather and should not have any markings or brand names on them.
- Students who are wearing extra jewellery will have it confiscated and returned at the end of each week.
- If students continue to wear the same jewellery after warnings or if they refuse to take the item out when requested to do so, they may be suspended for one day.
- The girls' skirt must reach to the knee or below. If these guidelines are breached, then parents will receive a letter requiring alterations to be made or a new skirt purchased.
- If these changes do not happen within the agreed time frame, the student will not be permitted to attend classes.
- Students are not permitted to roll up their skirts.
- Students are to have neatly trimmed, short nails. No false nails or nail extensions are permitted.
- Girls can use clear earrings if they do have nose or an extra ear piercing.
- If a student has any piercing that breaches these guidelines, they will not be permitted to attend classes.
- No body piercings including nose studs, fleshies or tattoos are allowed.

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