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Dear Families

Re: Uniforms and expectations

Damascus College is a proud coeducational learning community that continues to evolve as an inclusive, progressive, and innovative institution. We are equally as proud of our students and how they present within the College and the broader community. This communication is designed to support families to ensure uniform requirements are understood and to communicate who the available suppliers are.

An important part of belonging to the Damascus College school community is the uniform which creates a sense of belonging, removes the pressure to be fashionable and is a great leveller for the wide range of students we welcome. As we continue to celebrate diversity amongst our student population, we allow all students to wear a range of uniform options, including shorts and long pants.

Throughout the year, the College has reviewed its uniform guidelines with input from staff, students, and parents, leading to a more flexible approach to acknowledge diversity amongst our student population.

The following uniform changes will commence from Term 1 2025

Students are no longer restricted by seasonal uniform requirements and may choose to wear either the summer or winter uniform throughout the year, though they must wear one complete option rather than mix items from both. A summary of these options is provided below.

The blazer remains compulsory for formal events, school photographs and travel to and from school, though it is optional on days when temperatures exceed 26°C. **Students are no longer required to wear the blazer to class.**

The College has also commenced a transition period of the Light Grey Shorts available in Option B. Commencing immediately the Light Grey Shorts will be replaced with Dark Grey, **with a transition period until Term 1 2028**. These Dark Grey Shorts are currently available at Dobsons and Crockers.

As part of the updated uniform guidelines, students are permitted to wear a single clear nasal stud (no nasal rings) and up to two studs or sleepers in each earlobe. **PE uniform is to be worn only on days when students have a practical Physical Education class.**

These changes reflect the school's commitment to adapting to societal changes while maintaining a sense of unity and identity through the uniform.

Throughout 2025, the College will keep you informed of additional adjustments to the uniform planned for 2026, ensuring that there will be a transition period to provide families with ample time to prepare for these changes.

A reminder of our two uniform suppliers that supply specific items available exclusively at certain shops. Dobsons, located on the school campus, and Crockers, on Armstrong St in Ballarat, both stock the Damascus College uniform.

Uniform Options for Students From Term 1 2025

OPTION A

- College dress (knee-length)
- Dark grey tailored shorts with belt loops
- Long dark grey tailored school pants
- College skirt
- Gold short/long sleeve shirt with pointed collar
- Plain black belt with small buckle (with shorts, pants, and shirt only)
- White socks with school stripes (dress), grey socks with stripes (shorts, pants)
- V-neck navy pullover with logo
- Navy blue blazer
- Black polishable leather lace-up shoes (no T-bars or slip-ons)
- Optional striped navy blue tie (maroon tie for Year 12)
- Navy blue thick tights (skirt only, no sheer stockings)

OPTION B

- Dark grey shorts with belt loops - *transition from Light grey shorts until Term 1 2028*
- Long dark grey school pants
- Grey socks with stripes
- White short or long-sleeve shirt (tucked in)
- Striped navy blue tie (compulsory with both sleeve lengths)
- Striped maroon tie (Year 12 only)
- V-neck navy pullover with logo
- Navy blue blazer
- Black polishable leather lace-up shoes
- Plain black belt with small buckle (shorts and trousers)

BLAZER

- The blazer must be worn to and from school on **all days****
- Students are not required to wear the blazer to and from class, or during class
- The blazer must be worn to all formal events, school photographs and all school excursions

**On days when the Ballarat temperature is forecast to be 26 degrees or more, as published on SIMON and on the College website (uniform page), students are not required to wear the blazer.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- College polo shirt with logo
- College rugby top
- College shorts with logo
- College tracksuit pants with gold Damascus logo
- White sports socks with school stripes
- Sports Shoes - the permitted style of the footwear is a cross training or running shoe that provides appropriate heel support and cushioning (no canvas or volleys). Pictures of appropriate shoes is provided below.
- College hat/cap (compulsory in Terms 1 and 4)



ACCESSORIES PERMITTED

- College back pack (compulsory)
- College bucket hat – must not be worn inside
- College cap – must not be worn inside
- College rain jacket (optional and available only at Dobsons) – can only be worn to and from school over the blazer in inclement weather and can be worn at recess and lunch. It is not to be worn instead of the blazer. Rain Jackets are not permitted to be worn in the classroom.
- Navy or maroon hair ties and ribbons. No other coloured hair ribbons (white, yellow) are permitted.
- Navy College scarf with Damascus colours
- Navy or maroon gloves
- Students are permitted to wear a single clear nasal stud (no nasal rings) and up to two studs or sleepers in each earlobe (jewelled studs or sleepers are not permitted). Tongue piercings are not permitted.
- All hair that reaches shoulder length, must be worn fully tied back from the face. Hair that is only partially tied back is not permitted. *The picture below is an example of a hairstyle that is **not permitted**.*



ACCESSORIES NOT PERMITTED

The following accessories are not permitted:

- Nail polish
- Cosmetics
- Jewellery and piercings apart from those mentioned above
- Hats and scarves, other than the regulation school hat and scarf
- Any hair colour that is deemed synthetic e.g. green, blue, pink etc

If a student is not in the appropriate uniform, the parent/guardian must provide the student with a written note of explanation for that day only.

PLEASE NOTE: Uniform infringements will incur a penalty. This may include students being sent home.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Mifsud'.

Steven Mifsud

Principal

Permitted school shoes – Option A



Permitted school shoes – Option B



Examples of permitted sports shoes



Examples of sports shoes NOT PERMITTED



For further clarification and or questions you may have, please contact the College on 5337 2222 and speak with your student(s) House Leader.