

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: DAMASCUS COLLEGE UNIFORM IN 2024

At Damascus College we are proud of our students and how they present within the College and broader community. This correspondence is designed to support parents to ensure uniform requirements are understood and met, to form a partnership between student, family, and the College, and to communicate who the available uniform suppliers are within the Damascus community.

Wearing the uniform correctly and appropriately is a continued focus and challenge for all of us within the Damascus community. Our Social and Emotional Learning competencies of perseverance and engaging relationships have been essential in helping educate our community in establishing the sense of pride and belonging that correct wearing of the uniform brings.

Students are expected to wear the complete uniform whilst at the College, travelling to and from the College and when attending College functions, unless otherwise directed.

We ask for your attention and support in ensuring all aspects concerning uniform requirements are worn correctly by your child through encouraging conversations and actioning of the guidelines, if applicable to your child.

The Damascus uniform is flexible within the range to cater depending on student preference, where students can choose the items that work most comfortably for them. We ask for diligence in wearing available options within this range in accordance with the uniform requirements at that time, being Summer or Winter Uniform.

The blazer must be worn to and from school on all days except when forecast to be 26 degrees or above.

Students are to wear blazers to and from class; this means not being carried in their arms. When they arrive in class, they are permitted to remove their blazers. The blazer must be worn to all school excursions and official school functions such as Assembly and Mass. To assist students in bringing their blazers to school, some hooks to hang these near the front door can be very helpful.

The PE uniform can be worn on days students have PE or afterschool sport. If the PE uniform needs to be worn outside the usual times, a note is essential to inform your child's TA.

The only permissible jewellery is a watch and a pair of sleepers or plain studs in the earlobe (jewelled studs are not permitted). Piercings on the face or tongue are not permitted. Please note that there are no provisions for wearing rings, bracelets, neck chains, or other jewellery outside the watch and sleepers or plain studs mentioned. Please ensure these requirements are being met when students leave for school.

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. This directive is also an important safety requirement.

The 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 lunchtime in Terms 2 and 3 with the winter uniform only. It is not to be worn in place of the blazer. Rain Jackets are not permitted to be worn in the classroom.

If there are extenuating circumstances involving the wearing of uniform outside expectations, please discuss with your child's Teacher Advisor or House Leader.

We ask that you re-visit and re-familiarise yourself with the expectations of wearing the official Damascus College uniform, which is available on the Damascus College website for your perusal.

There are two uniform shops that stock the Damascus College uniform: Dobsons (which is located on the College campus) and Crockers, which is located in Armstrong St, Ballarat. It is recommended that you phone one of the above suppliers in advance to make sure they have the uniform items you are seeking. Their opening hours are listed on the Damascus website at the below link.

Photos of the Damascus College uniform can be found on the Damascus College website at: <http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-students-uniform>

Please note that the Option A shorts and pants can only be purchased from Crockers. The Year 12 tie (maroon striped tie) is an optional item that can be purchased from Dobsons. The rain jacket is also an optional item purchased from Dobsons that can be worn **to and from school** over the blazer, and during recess and lunch in Term 2 and 3 only.

If you are unsure about any aspect of the Damascus College uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 5337 2222 or by email info@damascus.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely



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Principal

UNIFORM LIST & EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to wear the complete uniform whilst at the College, travelling to and from the College and when attending College functions, unless otherwise directed. The official Damascus College uniform is:

OPTION A (Summer)

- Summer dress - **knee length**
- Dark grey shorts (with belt loops)
- Gold short sleeve shirt with pointed collar
- Plain black belt with a small buckle (to be worn with shorts and shirt only)
- White socks with school stripes with dress only, and grey socks with stripes with shorts only
- V-neck navy pullover with logo
- Navy blue blazer
- Black polishable leather **lace-up** regulation school shoes (no T-bars or slip-ons)
- Striped navy blue school tie* (can be worn with shorts and shirt, optional for female students)
- Striped maroon tie (can be worn with shorts and shirt, for Year 12 students only, optional for female students)

OPTION A (Winter)

- College winter skirt - **knee length**
- Long dark grey school pants (can be worn in summer if chosen)
- Gold long sleeve shirt with pointed collar
- Navy thick tights (to be worn with skirt only, sheer stockings not permitted)
- Grey socks with school stripes (to be worn with pants and shirt only)
- V-neck navy pullover with logo*
- Navy blue blazer
- Black polishable leather **lace-up** regulation school shoes (no T-bars or slip-ons)
- Striped navy blue school tie* (optional for female students)
- Striped maroon tie (for Year 12 students only, optional for female students)
- Plain black belt with a small buckle (to be worn with pants only)

OPTION B (Summer)

- Grey shorts (with belt loops)
- Grey socks with school stripes
- White polyester and cotton permanent press shirt, closed neck, short or long sleeved – **both styles must be worn tucked in**
- Striped navy blue school tie – **compulsory with both long and short sleeved shirts**
- Striped maroon tie (for Year 12 students only)
- V-neck navy pullover with logo
- Navy blue blazer
- Black polishable leather **lace-up** regulation school shoes
- Plain black belt with a small buckle – must be worn with both shorts and long trousers



OPTION B (Winter)

- Long dark grey school pants (can be worn in summer if chosen)
- Grey socks with school stripes
- White polyester and cotton permanent press shirt, closed neck, long sleeved – **must be worn tucked in**
- Striped navy blue school tie*
- Striped maroon tie (for Year 12 students only)
- V-neck navy pullover with logo
- Navy blue blazer
- Black polishable leather **lace-up** regulation school shoes
- Plain black belt with a small buckle

* The navy blue striped tie is compulsory for ALL male students and optional for ALL female students

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- College polo shirt with logo
- College rugby top
- College shorts with logo – short length for girls, long length for boys
- College tracksuit pants with gold Damascus logo (compulsory in Terms 2 and 3). Student can change to wear shorts during PE classes but must change back into tracksuit pants at the conclusion of class.
- 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).
- College hat/cap (compulsory in Terms 1 and 4)

ACCESSORIES

The following accessories are permitted:

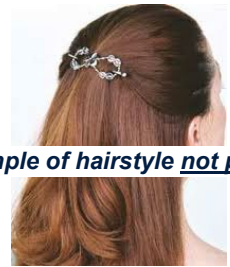
- College Back Pack (compulsory)
- College bucket hat – can be worn outdoors with summer or sport uniform
- College cap – can be worn outdoors with summer or sport uniform
- College Rain Jacket (optional and available only at Dobsons) – can only be worn to and from school over the blazer in inclement weather and can be worn at recess and lunch in terms 2 and 3 with the winter uniform only. 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 – permitted with winter uniform only
- Navy or maroon gloves - permitted with the winter uniform
- The only permissible jewellery is a watch and a pair of sleepers or plain studs in the **earlobe** (jewelled studs are not permitted). Piercings on the face or tongue are **not** permitted.
- Protective clothing necessary for arts, technology, science, home economics must be worn
- 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 to the right shows 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



Example of hairstyle not permitted

BLAZER

- The blazer must be worn to and from school on **all days****
- Students are to wear blazers to and from class. When they arrive in class, they are permitted to remove their blazer
- The blazer must be worn to all school excursions and official school functions such as Assembly and Mass.

** 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.

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.

Permitted school shoes – Option A



Permitted school shoes – Option B



Examples of permitted sports shoes



Examples of sports shoes NOT PERMITTED

