POLICY: STUDENT DRESS CODE

1. STATEMENT OF BELIEF:
Drouin Secondary College believes that a compulsory school uniform for students is important because it enhances school spirit by fostering a sense of belonging. School uniform also promotes the College positively in the community and supports students’ equality, health and safety.

2. OBJECTIVES:
Drouin Secondary College expects that students wear College uniform, as outlined in the College Handbook, because:

2.1 It safeguards our students as an intruder or outsider may be more easily spotted and can be dealt with appropriately.

2.2 It benefits the College because the wearing of uniform fosters school spirit, a sense of belonging and commitment to the College. When students are in the wider community they are easily identifiable which can further promote the College and enhance College spirit.

2.3 It promotes equality by enabling students to have a uniform which discourages competition and short-term fashion trends. Uniform discourages peer acceptability being based upon clothing worn by students.

2.4 It is economical because uniforms last longer and are cheaper than most casual clothes that students may want to wear. The peer pressures to keep up with the frequent fashion changes associated with casual dress, and the subsequent costs, are controlled.

2.5 It enables students to fully participate in all College curricular and extra curricular activities without being impeded by dress or footwear.

2.6 It is consistent with Department of Education and Training guidelines and directions relating to uniform.

3. IMPLEMENTATION:

3.1 College uniform is a requirement of students during school hours which includes travelling to and from school and on most school excursions.

3.2 In line with the Department of Education and Training processes, the Principal is required to ensure that information about the Student Dress Code, including any changes in dress requirements, is communicated widely throughout the College community.

3.3 The Uniform Sub Committee of the Drouin Secondary College Council will determine changes to the College uniform and make recommendations to Council for approval.

3.4 All prospective students and parents will be notified prior to enrolment, that compliance with the Dress Code is a condition of their enrolment.

3.5 Adherence to the College Dress Code is a shared responsibility of all staff, students and parents. The disciplinary measures used to enforce the College Dress Code will be consistent with the College’s Code of Conduct and the Statewide ‘Student Code of Conduct’ (incorporating Student Discipline Procedures), 1994.

3.6 Procedures and consequences for dealing with students not wearing school uniform will be outlined in the current College Handbook and will also be communicated to parents via the Parent Bulletin and to students at Year Level and College assemblies.

3.7 The family of any student unable to wear uniform due to economic hardship can approach the College for assistance.

3.8 Parents seeking exemption to this policy due to religious, ethnic or cultural background or health considerations must apply to the relevant Sub School personnel for approval.

This policy was last reviewed by School Council in: 2013
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This policy will be reviewed by the Education Policy Committee as part of the school’s four-year cycle.