

Dickson College Dress Standards

Dickson College is a workplace for both students and staff. Dickson College has a diverse community and our dress code has been developed to provide an inclusive and respectful learning environment. Clothing should be comfortable, practical and allow students and staff to participate fully in the range of activities required for their learning needs.

Dress standards guidelines

- Wear comfortable clothing of your own choice.
- Wear clothing that is appropriate for a workplace environment.
- Avoid wearing clothing that may cause offence to our community.
- Clothing should not have offensive or inappropriate designs or logos.
- Dress safely including appropriate footwear for classes - thongs are not permitted. Sandals and open shoes are discouraged for students engaged in practical subject areas.
- Health and safety standards require protective clothing and solid footwear in some subjects, and students are expected to comply with teacher instructions in these subjects (note students will be inducted at the beginning of each unit in subjects where there are specific requirements).
- Students are encouraged to wear sun protective clothing.

Note: students may purchase DC branded t-shirts and hoodies from the front office. Students experiencing financial hardship may discuss options with their Year Co or Case Manager.

Intervention strategies

Where there is a breach of the dress code, and depending on the severity of that breach, one or more of the following consequences can be applied:

- Caution by a staff member
- Restorative conversation
- Alternative clothing provided
- Counselling
- Contact with parents

Exemptions and modifications

Modification and exemptions may be granted by the principal when the dress code causes personal disadvantage outlined in anti-discrimination and human rights legislation, has implications for the student's health, or ability to comply with requirements relating to their ethno-religious background.

Feedback

Any concerns about the dress code or the application of the dress code should be raised with:

- the school principal in the first instance
- contact the Directorate's Liaison Unit on (02) 6205 5429
- online at https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/contact_us.

Related documents

- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (ACT)
- Human Rights Act 2004 (ACT)
- Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)
- [Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools Policy](#)