

DOMINIC COLLEGE

A Catholic School in the Salesian Tradition



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. OUR PHILOSOPHY

Dominic College is a Catholic school in the Salesian tradition. The policies of the College, underpinned by the Gospel values, serve to promote the wellbeing, dignity and uniqueness of each human person.

The four central pillars in the Charter for Salesian Schools encapsulate our founder Don Bosco's vision and guides the College in all aspects of school life. Accordingly, Dominic College is:

- A HOME that welcomes
- A PARISH that evangelises
- A SCHOOL that prepares for life
- A PLAYGROUND where friends meet and enjoy themselves

Guided by our philosophy, this Code of Conduct aims to help students understand and meet the College's expectations of them and to ensure the highest standards of behaviour and presentation are maintained.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Dominic College aims to provide an open, welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment for students, parents, staff, and visitors to the College. This Code has been developed so that students are aware of, and meet, the College's expectations in regard to their interactions with each other, with staff, and with those within the wider College community. Adherence to this Code and related policies is important to promote positive and productive relationships and for the respect and safety of all within the College community.

The College is responsible for establishing and administering the policies, procedures and rules that govern the day-to-day operations of the College. It is important that students respect and adhere to the school's requirements and support these decisions. Our policies and the many other resources developed to assist students, are available from the College website.

This Code of Conduct applies to all Dominic College students and is not limited to the school site or to school hours. It extends to all activities and events that are school related and when visiting or representing the College. The Code of Conduct also requires that the actions of students do not bring the College into disrepute at any time.

The Code of Conduct covers all forms of communication whether written, verbal, interpersonal, on social media or other public forums.

This Code of Conduct is not a stand-alone document and should be considered in conjunction with the following:

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Child Safe Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Exclusion from School Policy
- General Terms and Conditions
- Student Counselling Service Policy
- Student Diary
- Student Welfare Policy
- Wellbeing Policy

3. COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

AREAS	WE ARE RESPECTFUL	WE ARE RESPONSIBLE	WE ARE HONEST	WE ARE LEARNERS
IN LEARNING AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We follow the rules of the classroom We allow teaching to occur We allow learning to occur We treat teachers and fellow students politely and positively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We follow the rules for using classroom materials We attend all lessons We follow all safety rules We do not use mobile phones or personal devices (unless authorised) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We take responsibility for our behaviours We tell the truth We respect other people's property We work hard to have a positive classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are prepared and on time We show learning behaviours We interact positively with our classmates and follow class rules We do our best
IN CORRIDORS AND WALKWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk to the left We respect other people's property We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves We use appropriate language in an appropriate tone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We lock our lockers and keep them clean. We put all rubbish in the bin We greet visitors and assist if needed We are courteous to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We report the loss of property We hand in found property to the office We report damage We get what we need and return straight to class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We understand and follow the rules We read notices and observe displays We understand the need for safe, sensible movement in the corridors and stairwells We are prepared for class
IN PLAYGROUNDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We respect the space of others We include others in games and conversations We greet visitors and members of our community cheerfully We keep our environment clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We report to staff if there is a problem or an accident We use respectful language We socialise in a positive manner We remain safe by playing within the boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are aware of the rules for the area We resolve conflict by polite conversation We return our equipment and report any damage We share knowledge and listen to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We share and play fair We take responsibility for own rubbish We avoid gossip and rumours We own up when we do things wrong
ON SPORTING GROUNDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We listen to the teacher, umpire or coach We show good sportsmanship by playing fairly, being a team player, encouraging others and giving our best effort We look after equipment, grounds and each other We appreciate the efforts of other team members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We look after and return equipment when required We inform an adult when someone is hurt We represent ourselves and the school positively, by being a good role model We consider the safety of ourselves and others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We play fairly and by the rules We tell the truth when accidents occur and apologise when needed We take responsibility for our own actions We report damage to sports grounds and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We know and follow the rules of the game and any Code of Conduct that applies We listen and learn from the experience and expertise of others We demonstrate learnt skills, techniques and strategies and help other team members learn new skills We wear the appropriate attire recommended for the game
IN TOILET AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wait our turn We wash our hands We respect privacy We flush the toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We keep it clean We are considerate of the environment We report damage, bullying or graffiti We use the rubbish bin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We leave the toilet as we would like to find it We only use the correct toilet We own up to our own behaviour – and report those who are doing the wrong thing We tell someone if the supplies run out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are hygienic We only use toilets for toileting We understand correct etiquette We use toilets at appropriate times so that we don't interrupt our learning
IN THE CHAPEL AND IN MASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We allow praying to occur without interruption We respond and sing in a respectful manner We show reverence to the cross and tabernacle We show respect even if we have other beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk slowly and sit quietly We keep it clean We consider the safety of ourselves and others We report damage of the chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We take responsibility for own actions. We are open to God in prayer We use chapel time to look honestly at our lives and actions We don't talk during quiet times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are prepared and on time We interact positively with liturgies We listen and learn from those leading the liturgies We are open to new religious experiences

4. STUDENT CODE OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- Hair should be well-groomed, conservative, tidy and natural in colour.
- Hairstyles that are extreme, outlandish, or attract undue attention, in the opinion of the College, are not allowed.
- Extreme hair styles such as undercuts, rat tails, mullets, mohawks, steps and blade lines are not permitted.
- Hair should be clipped no shorter than a Number 2 on the sides and a Number 3 on the top.
- Colour rinsing or dyeing of hair is not permitted.
- Hair longer than the top of the collar must be tied back by an appropriate hair band or hair slide. Hair must not hang over the face or cover the eyes.
- Permitted hair accessories are ribbons or scrunchies in the College colours of maroon, navy blue, light blue or gold.
- Students must be clean shaven.
- No more than two gold or silver studs or sleepers are permitted in the bottom lobe of each ear only (no stones, pearls, or shapes). No other piercings are allowed.
- Clear retainers are permitted in the ear only.
- Piercings cannot be hidden with any band-aids, tape, etc.
- A plain watch may be worn. Smart watches are not allowed.
- No other jewellery, other than what is specified in the Student Code of Conduct, is permitted.
- Tattoos are not allowed.
- Cosmetics, makeup, coloured nail polish and artificial nails are not permitted.
- Eyebrows should not be modified.
- Eyelash extensions are not permitted.
- Fake tan is not permitted.
- Skirts and dresses must be conservative in length (as determined by the College).
- College backpacks are the only bags allowed.
- Students are encouraged to bring deodorant to school – roll on only.

5. UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Since 1973, Dominic College has valued its school uniform, serving as a means of common ground for students that unites them into a single entity. Despite some changes, the purpose of the Dominic College uniform has always been to enable students to develop a sense of belonging to Dominic as a unique educational and faith community. The uniform acts as the most public symbol of the College community and reflects a connection to its values, history, and traditions.

It is our desire that our uniform inspires a commitment to quality and excellence and facilitates student pride in appearance in the school community. We believe that a strong culture of uniform quality and consistency supports a school environment that is calm, harmonious, and focused on student learning. The uniform serves to establish the College's expectations of students and students' expectations of themselves. When dressed to a high standard, students' choices reflect those high standards.

Wearing the uniform correctly is an expectation of all students enrolled at the College. The uniform draws attention to the College, and great care should be taken to ensure it is worn with pride and respect. The choice by families and students to be a part of the Dominic College community is a choice to accept and actively support our uniform standards, expectations and regulations.

Dominic College uniform requirements must be followed at all times. All College uniform (except for shoes) is available from the Uniform Shop located onsite and operated by Perm-A-Pleat, one of Australia's largest school wear specialists.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements should be noted.

- Uniform must be worn as tailored and as intended with no adaptations.
- Except for school shoes and sport shoes, only College issue uniform items are permitted (this includes socks and belts).
- K-4 students wear the College sport uniform year round.
- Year 5-10 students wear the formal College uniform on most days.
- Full formal school uniform is to be worn to and from school each day with the following exceptions:
 - HPE and Drama class days (does not include non-Dominic sport training);
 - Students involved in Year 9-10 Electives: Dance, Athletic Development; Animal Husbandry, and Outdoor Education;
 - When instructed by the College.
- College hats are compulsory for K-6 students and must be worn when outside in Terms 1 and 4, or when requested by teachers.
- College hats are optional for Year 7-10 students, but they are encouraged to be sun smart and wear College hats during Terms 1 and 4.
- The College scarf and College beanie may be worn in Terms 2 and 3.
- Students in Years 5-10 must wear black, lace-up leather shoes. No open toe shoes, or shoes that do not cover the whole foot, are permitted.

- Waterproof jackets must be worn over the jumper, cardigan, blazer, or rugby top (not in place of these).
- An email will be sent from the Directors via teachers to inform students when blazers and jumpers may be removed and carried home if it is judged by the College to be too hot.
- On a day where the forecast temperature is 26 degrees or higher, students may go to and from school without wearing their blazer, jumper, jacket or tie. Shirts are to be tucked in. College sports shorts may be worn instead of track pants but only when sports uniform is required.
- College backpacks must not be decorated or defaced and must have the student's name written inside.
- Every item of clothing must be clearly labelled on the inside with the student's name.
- Lost property, including uniform, will be kept at the Business Office for a maximum of 2 weeks after which it will be donated or recycled.
- One piece bathers (no bikinis) must be worn while participating in any College water activity.
- When representing the College in any water activities, students are required to wear College issue bathers and caps.
- The College always expects students to be well groomed when wearing the College uniform and great care should be taken of the uniform. It should be kept clean, neat, and repaired and replaced as necessary.

WEARING THE FORMAL UNIFORM

- The blazer must be worn to and from school.
- College issue shorts or skirt comprise the formal uniform. The dress is not part of the formal uniform.
- The College waterproof coat can be worn over the blazer but not instead of the blazer.
- The College jumper and College cardigan may be worn under the blazer.
- The soft shell jacket is part of the sport uniform and cannot be worn with the formal uniform at any time.
- The dress may be worn year round except when formal uniform is required.
- College issue navy tights or College issue ankle socks may be worn with the skirt and dress.
- Designated formal occasions at which the formal uniform is required include but are not limited to College masses, Graduation Mass, Leaders' Induction Ceremony, awards ceremonies, special assemblies, school photos, when representing the school, or as directed by the College.

WEARING THE SPORT UNIFORM

- The full sport uniform, inclusive of the soft shell jacket/rugby top, is to be worn to and from school.

- The College waterproof jacket can be worn over the soft shell jacket and/or rugby top (not in place of these).
- Students who have sport for Dominic College directly after school or training for Dominic College at lunchtime will be permitted to wear their sports uniform to school on the day of their game or training. A register of participating students will be maintained by the Sport Administrator.
- There is a range of College representative sportswear which can only be worn by students representing the College. They are not to be worn to and from school for the representation event.

HOUSE POLO TOPS

- The coloured House polo can be worn on the last day of each term, Swimming Carnivals, Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country Carnivals, Theatre Sports, House Events, and Feast Days, or as directed by the College.

YEAR 10 LEAVERS TOPS

- The Year 10 Leavers Tops are not part of the formal uniform.
- This top can be worn from mid-Term 3 and in Term 4 unless there are designated formal occasions. The privilege of wearing these items and when they are worn is dependent on the attitude of the cohort.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC FORUMS

Social media and other public forums should not be used to criticise or denigrate other students, the College or others in the school community, or spread untruths. Concerns should be raised with the relevant staff member in the first instance or in accordance with the College's Complaints Policy. The College reserves the right to request any material publicly posted about students, staff, parents or the College that is inaccurate, confrontational, critical, offensive or disrespectful to be taken down, and to take any other appropriate action in accordance with College policies and procedures.

7. BREACHES OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The College expects students to comply with its policies and rules and not engage in behaviour which is harmful to themselves or others or is contrary to the ethos and philosophy of the College. Parents are expected to support the College on disciplinary matters and not do anything which undermines its authority. All disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with relevant College policies and procedures.

8. COMPLAINTS

It is preferred that individuals follow the [Family and School Communication Chart](#) if they wish to raise any concerns. If the matter is unable to be resolved, they should refer to the Complaints Policy on the College website. All complaints will be managed in accordance with this policy.