

25. Uniform and Grooming Regulations

25.1. Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Uniform items are available from the Uniform Shop on the College site.

DURING TERM TIME:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday:	8:00 – 9:00 am
Tuesday:	3:15 – 4:15 .m
Friday:	Closed

Additional times at the start of the year and each term to ensure all students have the correct uniform will be advised separately (refer to web site www.bdsc.school.nz)

25.2. College Uniform and Grooming Regulations

Every student will wear correct uniform. This applies to students who are:

- Attending College
- Travelling to or from College
- Attending school functions
- Representing the College
- Identifiable as Botany Downs Secondary College students in a public place.

College uniform items, such as trousers, skirts and blouses *must not be modified* beyond adjusting the length and must continue to meet College regulations regarding length.

Tapering trousers and narrowing blouses and skirts is not permitted. Modified items will need to be replaced.

The College is judged in public by the uniform standards shown by students. We value the support of parents to ensure the standards are adhered to as agreed upon enrolment.

Incorrect uniform or a combination of College uniform, the sports uniform or mufti is unacceptable. Students not in correct uniform are required to have a note from home explaining the reason for their discrepancy and the note is to be handed to the Whanau Leader for approval at the start of the day concerned. The Whanau Leader, if appropriate, will issue the student with a temporary Uniform Pass.

Summer uniform is worn during Terms 1 and 4 and Winter uniform is worn Terms 2 and 3.

Please ensure all items are labelled clearly with name inside the garment.

UNIFORM OR GROOMING EXEMPTIONS FOR CULTURAL OR OTHER REASONS

Exemptions from the uniform or grooming standards may be sought where its literal application could unduly infringe upon a student's religious, cultural or other beliefs. Requests for exemptions from the general standards must be made in writing to the principal, and must state both the exemption sought and the belief which could be compromised if the exemption were not granted. The granting of any exemptions to the general standards shall be at the sole discretion of the principal.

25.3. Years 12-13 (Senior) Uniform Standards

All uniform items must be the regulation BDSC items or otherwise as described below.

GIRLS	BOYS
Summer (Terms 1 and 4)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue merino wool, mid-calf length skirt with side pleats (with College emblem) Sky blue twill striped short-sleeved blouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue regulation long trousers OR Navy blue regulation shorts (College emblem on back pocket) Sky blue striped short-sleeved College shirt, worn tucked in and with the top button undone (unless wearing a tie) Black leather or leather-look (not canvas) belt with standard buckle must be worn with the trousers.
Winter (Terms 2 and 3)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue merino wool, mid-calf length skirt with side pleats (with College emblem) Sky blue twill striped short sleeved blouse or optional long sleeved blouse College tie (optional) - with emblem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue regulation long trousers (College emblem on back pocket). Sky blue striped short sleeved shirt or optional long sleeved shirt worn with a BDSC tie. Shirts are worn tucked in. Long sleeves are not to be rolled up. College tie (with emblem) Black leather or leather-look (not canvas) belt with plain buckle must be worn with the trousers
Footwear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No decorations (e.g. ribbons, bows, diamantes, non-functional buckles). No ballet flats or boat or platform shoes permitted. Footwear is to be kept clean / polished <i>Examples of approved styles are included on the next page.</i> Summer: Regulation College French navy blue knee-high socks (with narrow burgundy stripe), to be worn pulled up Winter: Regulation College French navy blue knee-high socks (with narrow burgundy stripe), to be worn pulled up, or plain French navy blue tights may be worn Summer (optional): Black leather sandal, with heel/sole no higher than 4 cm and an ankle strap, e.g. Roman Sandal Not permitted: high-heel or platform shoes, patent leather, canvas, suede leather, ballet-type backless shoes, boots, scuffs, jandals, slippers, track shoes or casual street brand shoes such as Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain black leather shoe with a heel/sole no higher than 4 cm. i.e. black leather lace up college or dress shoe; black dress slip-on shoe may only be worn with long trousers. No decorations or boat shoes permitted. The shoes must be able to be polished, and are to be kept clean and polished <i>Examples of approved styles are shown below.</i> Navy blue regulation College socks, worn to the knee at all times with the shorts or long trousers; OR plain navy blue (short) business socks (either with BDSC emblem or not) may be worn with long trousers Summer (optional): Black leather sandal, with heel/sole no higher than 4 cm and an ankle strap, e.g. Roman Sandal Not permitted: high-heel or platform shoes, patent leather, canvas, suede leather, ballet-type backless shoes, boots, scuffs, jandals, slippers, track shoes or casual street brand shoes such as Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans.
<p>Jersey: Burgundy, V-neck long line jersey with College emblem.</p>	
<p>Sleeveless Pullover (optional): An optional variation on the jersey is the sleeveless vest which may be worn by senior boys or girls.</p>	
<p>Blazer (Optional) and Tie</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be worn for formal occasions and when representing the college. • The Blazer may be hired from the college.
<p>College Jacket and Scarf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue nylon jacket with a water resistant coating and College emblem. • The regulation jacket is the only jacket permitted to be worn with the College uniform. • The College scarf may only be worn in the winter terms (Terms 2 and 3).

25.4. Years 9-11 (Junior) Uniform Standards

All uniform items must be the regulation BDSC items or otherwise as described below.

GIRLS	BOYS
<p>Skirt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue merino wool, mid-calf length skirt with side pleats (with College emblem) 	<p>Shorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue, lined shorts, single pleat (College emblem on back pocket) • Shorts are to be worn above the knee and in a neat and tidy fashion. <p>Long Trousers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional for Year 11 Boys
<p>Blouse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striped tailored, short sleeved blouse with College emblem. This blouse is designed to be worn out over the waistband of the skirt. Any garment worn under the blouse must be white or not visible. 	<p>Shirt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striped tailored short sleeved shirt with College emblem. To be worn tucked in at all times and with the top button undone. Any garment worn under the shirt must be white or not visible.
<p>Note: Any garment worn under the blouse/shirt for extra warmth must be white and not visible.</p>	
<p>Jersey: Burgundy, V-neck long line jersey with College emblem</p>	
<p>Footwear</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black leather shoe with a heel/sole no higher than 4 cm. i.e. black leather lace up college shoe or shoe of an approved style only. Footwear is to be kept clean / polished. • No decorations (e.g. ribbons, bows, diamantes, non-functional buckles). No ballet flats or boat shoes permitted. Examples of approved styles are included on the next page. • Not permitted: high-heel or platform shoes, patent leather, canvas, suede leather, ballet-type backless shoes, boots, scuffs, jandals, slippers, track shoes or casual street brand shoes such as Sketchers, Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans, etc. • Summer: Regulation College French navy blue knee-high socks (with narrow burgundy stripe), to be worn pulled up. • Winter: Regulation College French navy blue knee-high socks (with narrow burgundy stripe), to be worn pulled up, or plain French navy blue tights may be worn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black leather lace up college shoes, with a heel/sole no higher than 4 cm. No decorations or boat shoes. The shoes must be able to be polished, and are to be kept clean and polished. <i>Examples of approved styles are included below.</i> • Not permitted: high-heel or platform shoes, patent leather, canvas, suede leather, ballet-type backless shoes, boots, scuffs, jandals, slippers, track shoes or casual street brand shoes such as Sketchers, Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans, etc. • Regulation College Navy blue knee-high socks (with broad burgundy stripe), to be worn pulled up. • Summer (optional): Black leather sandal, with heel/sole no higher than 4 cm and a single ankle strap, e.g. Roman Sandal.

- **Summer (optional):** Black leather sandal, with heel/sole no higher than 4 cm and a heel strap, e.g. Roman Sandal

College Jacket and Scarf (optional)

- Navy blue nylon jacket with a water resistant coating and College emblem.
- *The regulation jacket is the only jacket permitted to be worn with the College uniform.*
- The College scarf may only be worn in the winter terms (Terms 2 and 3).

25.5. Unisex Physical Education Uniform

Required for all classes in the Health & Physical Education Learning Area:

- Regulation PE shorts (with College emblem).
- Regulation PE sports shirt.
- Sports shoes are strongly recommended for Health & Physical Education Classes.

25.6. Girls’ Shoes – Approved Styles

- Plain black leather shoe with a heel/sole no higher than 4 cm. i.e. black leather lace up college shoe or shoe of an approved style only.

The following types of black shoes are *examples* of approved styles:

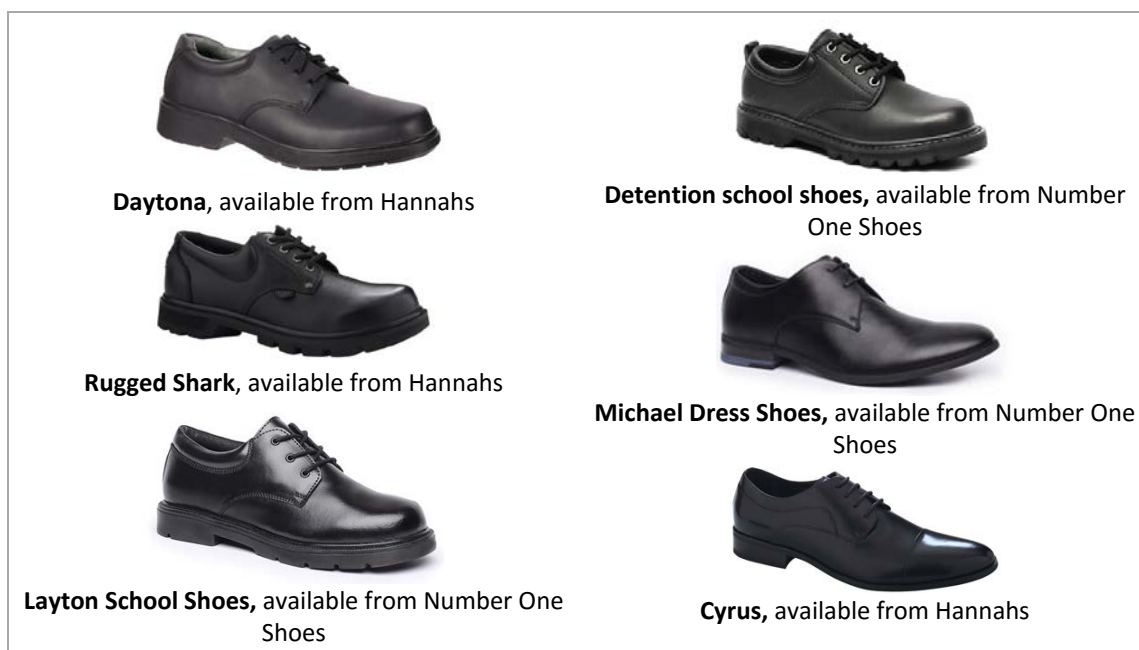


- **Not permitted:** high-heel or platform shoes, patent leather, canvas, suede leather, ballet-type backless shoes, boots, scuffs, jandals, slippers, track shoes or casual street brand shoes such as Sketchers, Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans, etc.

25.7. Boys’ Shoes – Approved Styles

- **Years 9-10:** Black leather lace up college shoes, with a heel/sole no higher than 4 cm. No decorations or boat shoes. The shoes must be able to be polished, and are to be kept clean and polished.
- **Years 11-13:** Plain black leather college or dress shoe with a heel/sole no higher than 4 cm. i.e. black leather lace up college / dress shoe; black dress slip-on shoe may only be worn with long trousers. No decorations or boat shoes permitted. The shoes must be able to be polished, and are to be kept clean and polished.

The following types of black shoes are *examples* of approved styles:



- **Not permitted:** high-heel or platform shoes, patent leather, canvas, suede leather, ballet-type backless shoes, boots, scuffs, jandals, slippers, track shoes or casual street brand shoes such as Sketchers, Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans, etc.

25.8. Personal Appearance

HAIR

Students must wear their hair tidy and styled in a conventional way. This means:

- Hair must be clean and clear of the face and eyes.
- No unnatural colours, extreme colouring, or streaks and patches of colour.
- No spikes, skin-heads, Mohawks, or areas with greatly varying lengths.
- No signs, letters, or symbols cut into the hair (or eyebrows).
- Any plaits or braids must adhere to the guidelines regarding colour and must not have beads or other adornments.
- In the case of clipped hair, a No. 2 or above is acceptable.

Any issues about whether a hairstyle is compliant with these standards will be determined by the Principal, having regard to what would be generally be considered presentable for a person representing an organisation in public.

- For female students, if the hair is below the shoulder line, it must be tied up using plain black or navy blue bands, ribbons or clips. Headbands are not permitted.
- Male students' hair must be cut off the collar - shorter than the bottom of the collar.
- Male students must be clean shaven at all times.

BODY ADORNMENT

- Students may not wear makeup of any kind. If nail polish is worn, it must be colourless.
- Female students are permitted to wear a pair of small, plain studs - one plain stud in the lower part of each earlobe. A plain small stud is metallic (gold/silver colour) or small jewel/diamante style coloured, less than 5 mm in diameter. No loops or dangling earrings are permitted.
- Male students are not permitted to wear earrings.
- No other visible body piercing (including tongue studs) is allowed.
- Tattoos must be covered.

- A wrist watch may be worn.
- Necklaces or cultural insignia, if worn, must not be visible. This includes, for example, pounamu, Kirpan symbolic necklace, etc.
- No other jewellery is permitted.

25.9. Uniform or grooming exemptions for cultural or other reasons *(Refer to Section 25.2).*