



# Katanning Senior High School

## DRESS CODE POLICY

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## 1. RATIONALE

Katanning Senior High School has a Dress Code Policy, which has the approval of the P&C and the School Board and is in line with the Department of Education policy. Students are strongly encouraged to wear the dress code for the following reasons:

- Students are encouraged to be proud of their school and to identify with it by wearing school clothing.
- A positive image of the school is promoted.
- Fashion elitism is avoided, as is the pressure placed on parents to purchase expensive clothing for school use.
- The safety of students is more easily managed by staff because students are easier to identify and wear clothing appropriate for the school environment.
- Students are taught the importance of being well groomed at school and later on in life when they seek employment.

## 2. DRESS CODE

### a. General Information

To distinguish between Senior School and Middle School, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students wear predominantly navy shirts with red sleeves and all Year 10, 11 and 12 students wear predominantly red shirts with navy sleeves. Dress code items of clothing are as follows:

#### i. SHIRTS

**Middle School** (Yrs 7-9) KSHS NAVY polo shirts.

**Senior School** (Yrs 10-12) KSHS RED polo shirts.

**House Polo** – can be worn for all physical education lessons and school carnivals. It may be used on other approved days.

#### **Program Specific Uniform**

Follow the Dream, Clontarf, Deadly Sista Girlz (for those students participating in these programs) shirts will be the relevant school shirt with the program's emblem embroidered onto the shirt on the opposite side of the school logo.

Bush Rangers shirt can be worn on days scheduled for Bush Rangers activities.

**All Students** – white, navy, and red undershirt is permitted to be worn 'under' school polo shirts.

#### ii. BOTTOMS

**All students** - Plain NAVY trousers, plain NAVY skirt, plain NAVY shorts, KSHS embroidered NAVY track pants, KSHS embroidered NAVY shorts.

#### iii. JACKETS / JUMPERS

**All Students** – KSHS Labelled outerwear.

#### **Bush Rangers**

Bush Rangers jumper can be worn on days scheduled for Bush Rangers activities.

#### **Country Week Students**

Students attending Country Week are required to have a school branded jacket as part of the Country Week uniform.

#### **Year 12 Students**

Traditionally Year 12 students design their own Leavers' jumper, which should reflect the school's colours. This must be approved by the School Board. It can then be worn as part of the dress code by Year 12 students and only in the year for which it is current. Younger siblings cannot wear the jumper in subsequent years.

#### iv. HEADWEAR

KSHS caps, bucket hats, and beanies can be worn on school grounds. They must be removed inside classrooms.

#### v. FOOTWEAR

Students must wear covered footwear at school. For occupational health and safety reasons, thongs, sandals, and ugg boots are not permitted.

#### vi. PIERCINGS

Occupational Safety and Health concerns may prohibit the wearing of certain piercings by students at school. Some school activities may require that all piercings are removed for the duration of the lesson.

#### Note:

- Katanning Senior High School is a multicultural school and accommodates students from a variety of cultures. Flexibility is extended to students who, for cultural or religious reasons, may need to wear other items of clothing. Headwear should be red, white or navy.
- Sports shirts are not part of daily school clothing.
- Hoodies are not allowed to be worn at school. Students who wear a hoodie will be recorded as out of uniform and this may affect their Good Standing. Students will be asked to remove the hoodie and hand it in to the administration office. They can pick up their hoodie after school as they leave.
- Any logo, slogan or advertising is not permitted. This includes tracksuit pants, sweaters and headwear with brand names and/or brand signature stripes.
- Denim and denim style fabrics are not part of the school dress code.
- Leggings, jeggings, and bike shorts are not permitted.
- Certain items of highly inappropriate non-uniform clothing may be required to be changed before a student can attend classes at the school's discretion.

### b. Special Situations

#### i. Physical Education

Students are required to bring a change of clothing for physical education classes and to change before and after lessons in the gymnasium change rooms. This requirement is in order to promote personal health and hygiene. The house polo can be worn for all physical education lessons and school carnivals. It may be used on other approved days. House colours are:

BARLOO	Blue
CONDEENA	Yellow
GLENROY	Green
STRATHGLEN	Red

#### ii. Special Ceremonies and Functions

School blazers, ties and skirts (if required) are available for students who represent the school at special ceremonies or functions, such as the Anzac Day ceremony. These can be collected free of charge from the Assistant Manager Corporate Services. Students are required to supply their own white dress shirt, black shoes, and navy blue dress trousers (as required).

#### iii. Art, Design and Technology, Home Economics and Science

For their own safety, students must wear covered footwear for Art, Design and Technology, Home Economics and Science classes. Thongs and exercise sandals are definitely not permitted for occupational health and safety reasons. Students may be prevented from participating because they do not wear the appropriate footwear.

#### iv. Sports Carnival Days

When students represent Katanning Senior High School as part of a sporting team (e.g. football or netball), uniforms may be supplied by the school.

#### v. Southern Regional (TAFE) Students

On days where students attend TAFE, the TAFE dress code will apply. The Program Coordinator – Curriculum VET should be given the students' names and the days on which they will be attending TAFE.

### **3. CLOTHING AVAILABILITY**

- School uniform items are available for purchase from the designated supplier. (Sportspower)
- In the case of emergency or hardship, spare uniform items are available on a daily loan from the Student Services Team.

### **4. INFORMING PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

The Dress Code Policy is available to parents/guardians on request. In addition, an outline of the Dress Code is included in the School Information Booklet, which is given to parents/guardians when enrolling their child. Information will also be provided regarding where items of clothing can be purchased. Families who may be experiencing financial difficulties may make arrangements with the Principal.

### **5. CHANGES TO THE DRESS CODE**

Any changes to the dress code must be endorsed by the School Board after consultation with staff, students, parents and the P&C. The Student Leadership group (who represent the students) may be consulted where appropriate.

### **6. EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE**

Parents/guardians of students who wish to be exempt from the school dress code must apply to the Principal, stating reasons for the exemption and the period requested. The Principal will notify the parents/guardians in writing regarding the outcome of the request and will make all staff aware of the details of the exemption should it be approved. In addition, if the Principal revokes or varies an exemption, the persons affected will be informed in writing of the decision and the reasons behind the decision.

### **7. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

- i. Daily uniform spot checks will be conducted by members of the Student Services and Leadership Teams.
- Students out of uniform will be recorded on the SIS database.
  - 10 'Out of Uniform' SIS database entries during a term will lead to the loss of Good Standing for a period of 4 weeks.

## REVIEW OF THE POLICY

This policy will be reviewed periodically.

### History of changes

Effective Date	Last update date	Policy Version	Notes
January 2015	January 2015		
8 September 2016	8 September 2016		Council → Board Navy, White, and Red undershirts.
November 2016	16 November 2016		Hoodies are to be regarded as out of uniform. Inclusion of Art to wear closed in footwear. Recording of out of uniform. Loss of good standing for uniform. Gaining Good Standing back
10 September 2020	10 September 2020		Current uniforms to remain unchanged for a period of 2 years.
6 May 2021	6 May 2021		Removal of Loss of Good Standing sanction in line with DoE directive. Addition of supplier (Sportspower)
13 May 2021	13 May 2021		Changes to Dress Code - Any changes to the dress code must be endorsed by the School Board after consultation with staff, students, parents and the P&C.
Sept 2022	Sept 2022		Changes to KSHS Labelled outerwear. Removed irrelevant wording.
May 2023	May 2023		Update to Non-Compliance with Dress Requirements, Clothing Availability and Rationale
October 2024	October 2024		Addition of Physical Education Polo. Update to piercing limitations.
November 2024	November 2024		Addition of House Polo, including amendments to Headwear, Piercings and Hoodies.