Kanahooka High School

Student’s Dress Code for 2011
FOREWORD

There has always been debate about the aim of education, with opposing but not mutually exclusive views. Some see education as development of the understanding and of those intellectual skills which enable an individual to participate in, and to advance society. Others would have education as a course of training, preparing an individual for the work force. Whatever ground we take, there is no doubt that present economic uncertainty and unemployment has directed that schools now pay much attention to equipping students for the work force. Consequently, everything possible is done to enhance a student’s chances of entering employment.

One factor which is often influential in considering job applicants is the employer’s or interviewer’s perception of the school attended by an applicant. The perception can be influenced by the general appearance of the school students, i.e. their uniform. Community attitudes to a school are also influenced to an extent by the same factor.

The importance of this is recognised by the community beyond the immediate precincts of the school who have overwhelmingly voted in favour of students wearing school uniform and who have pledged their support to the school.

Students are urged to continue to take care with their personal appearance and grooming, to spend time on this each day, to become aware of themselves as presentable and worthwhile citizens.

It remains the intention of the school to provide every assistance to a student for his/her future place in society and career. Students who come from families with very low sources of income should apply early in the year for a Student Assistance Application.

Peter K Jones
Principal

In recent times, the image of Kanahooka High School has been enhanced through the implementation of the school’s Dress Code. The uniform is practical, whilst being respectable and easily recognisable by members of the community. The uniform promotes equality and gives students a sense of belonging to the student body.

Tahlia Gersbach
Student Representative Council

Benjamin Smith
Student Representative Council

Since the implementation of the 1991 Dress Code Document there were concerns expressed at the many options available to the students. With any changes to this document it was deemed at the public meeting that the responsibility for guiding the changes would stand with the P&C.

We feel that the aim of the students to enhance their image within the wider community and to differentiate between senior and junior students has been achieved with the minimum of change and should be commended.

At the instigation of the students, changes to the uniform were sought. A very mature proposal was presented to the P&C by the student representatives and a motion to accept this proposal as drafted was passed. The finer details were decided by a uniform committee of parents, students and staff.

Teresa Summerfield
President
Kanahooka High School P&C
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The wearing of school uniform is strongly supported by the Department of Education & Training, Kanahooka High School P&C Association, The Uniform Committee and the Student Representative Council. The parent surveys conducted in the past also heavily supported uniform.

PROCEDURES REQUIRED

Students unable to wear uniform on any school day must bring a note from parents explaining reasons.

It is the students responsibility to obtain an orange out of uniform pass from staff to excuse them for being out of uniform.

Students without the orange slip will be considered as being non-compliant with school rules.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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<th>Shirts/Blouses</th>
<th>PLAIN white COLLAR shirts with short or long SLEEVES. Students are permitted to wear white shirts under the shirt. Other coloured shirts are NOT permitted.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dress Pants/Shorts/Skirts</td>
<td>Black dress pants, dress shorts and dress skirts are introduced into the Dress Code. School tartan skirts and shorts are acceptable.</td>
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<td>NOTE: Students are NOT permitted to wear track pants, jeans or tights of any description.</td>
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<td>Jumpers/Cardigans/Jackets</td>
<td>JUNIORS – PLAIN bottle green or official KHS sloppy joe or jacket (green and white). SENIORS – PLAIN red or official KHS sloppy joe or jacket (red and white).</td>
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<td>Shoes</td>
<td>Black leather or leather like shoes including suede. They must cover the entire foot. NOTE: This is an OHS requirements and this is endorsed by the school community and DET.</td>
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<td>Socks</td>
<td>Must be worn.</td>
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<td>Sport/P.E.</td>
<td>Black sport shorts, Kanahooka Sports shirt, joggers and socks.</td>
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<td>Hats</td>
<td>Students are encouraged to wear a hat due to the risk of skin cancer when outdoors. NOTE: Hats must be removed BEFORE entering buildings.</td>
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Clothing Pool

Students in genuine need of assistance with uniform may obtain items of clean, pre-loved clothing free of charge by seeing the Front Office. Donations of outgrown items of uniform are eagerly sought and most gratefully accepted throughout the year. Please leave donations at the Front Office.

In cases of extreme urgency or need and where the clothing pool cannot provide the necessary assistance, the Principal may be approached in confidence to provide whatever assistance may be available at the time.

The clothing pool will also be used to ensure the wearing of uniform within school hours.

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