



Upper Senior School – Expectations of Dress and Presentation

Upper Senior School students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to a school environment and in a way which maintains the high expectations of Dulwich College (Singapore). Students are expected to set an example to their peers, in the lower years, through their high standards of dress and presentation. 'Smart', 'formal' and 'practical' are the best words to describe the expectations and students should expect to be challenged by members of staff if they do not meet them. *'Dress as if attending an interview', is a good guide to follow.*

Upper Senior School Dress Code

- Formal trousers or skirt (a guide for skirt length is that it should be on the knee). Jeans, cargo-pants and shorts etc. are not considered 'formal' and are not allowed.
- Conventional, shirt (long or short sleeves) or top e.g. shirt or blouse (thin straps, sleeveless designs, crop tops, low-cut tops and t-shirts/polo-shirts are not allowed)
- Smart, formal jacket to match skirt/trousers (*Best Dress)
- Formal socks/tights. (Leggings may also be worn under a skirt)

General

- Footwear should be formal, closed-toed shoes. No trainers (except for Sport/PE activities). Shoes should be of a style that is appropriate to a school environment and should feature a low heel-height.
- A smart, plain tie may also be worn (expected for best dress to accompany suits).
- Students should not dress in a style which reveals under-garments.

PE Uniform

- DCSG PE t-shirt (House t-shirt for House events)
- DCSG PE shorts or own appropriate plain, dark shorts/leggings
- Sports socks & trainers
- *More detailed guidelines on when it is appropriate to wear PE kit will be shared with the students*

Accessories/Optional

- Plain (no bold logos), dark V-neck pullover or cardigan may also be worn. Unofficial (not DCSG) hoodies may not be worn
- Hair should be clean, tidy and styled so that the face is visible. Students with hair longer than shoulder length should carry hair ties. Students will be asked to tie their hair up in situations where a member of staff feels that not doing so may cause a health and safety risk or may interfere with their work (e.g. PE, drama, science, DT).
- Simple jewelry may be worn so long as it does not present a health and safety hazard or interfere with students' work. No jewelry should be worn which is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to cause offence. Students will be asked to remove any jewelry they are wearing in situations where a member of staff feels that not doing so may cause a health and safety risk or may interfere with their work (e.g. PE, drama, science, DT).
- Simple make-up and well-maintained nail varnish may be worn. Nail extensions that may cause a health and safety risk or may interfere with students' work are not allowed.

For reasons of security and safeguarding, it is expected that students wear their gold Upper Senior School lanyards at all times. This includes days on which USS students are in PE and/or House uniform.

These expectations have been established through consultation with students, pastoral staff and the Heads of Senior School and College. It is expected that these guidelines will provide students with a sense of choice and expression while, at the same time, enabling them to focus more on their studies than their wardrobe. We will always support the students in making appropriate choices about how they present themselves in terms of dress and personal appearance and any issues will be discussed with the students, themselves, in the first instance. If there are any questions about uniform, students can speak to their tutor. Follow-up conversations may follow with the Head of Year. In the case of further questions, the relevant Deputy Head can be consulted for a final decision.



*Best Dress is worn for formal occasions, school assemblies and when representing the College in an ambassadorial role. Students are expected to keep 'best dress' items of clothing in their tutor room for convenient access.

*Some students will also be presented with uniform items denoting positions of leadership and are expected to wear these items on formal/'best dress' occasions.

Examples of Upper Senior School dress:

