



Learner Dress Code

1. PURPOSE

For learners to look neat and presentable at all times. The school takes wearing the school uniform very seriously, as each boy is a direct representation of St Declan's when they wear the crest. Learners must understand that wearing the crest is a great responsibility and means that they are part of something a lot greater than themselves.

2. SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer uniform (1 September – 30 April):

- Grade RRR-R – Blue school shirt and blue shorts (Summer PE uniform), black takkies with all black socks. Boys must wear their school caps at all times. Blue drymac, when needed.
- Grade 1-7 – White short-sleeved school shirt, grey school shorts, long grey school socks and black school shoes. All Grade 1-7 boys must wear their caps at all times. Blue drymac, when needed.
- Grade 8-12 – White short or long-sleeved school shirt with buttoned collar, school tie, school blazer, grey school trousers, long grey school socks and black school shoes.

Winter Uniform (1 May – 31 August):

- Grade RRR-R – School tracksuit (Winter PE uniform), black takkies with all black socks. Black/ navy gloves and scarves can be worn (with no prints on these items). No beanies allowed.
- Grade 1-12 – White long-sleeved school shirt with buttoned collar, school tie, grey school trousers, long grey school socks and school blazers. Black/ navy gloves and scarves can be worn (with no prints on these items). Grade 1-7 learners must wear school caps. School short and/or long-sleeved jerseys may be worn. No beanies allowed.



3. PE UNIFORM

- Summer PE uniform (Blue school shirt & shorts) only on PE days and sports events/ matches (if there is no specified sports uniform). Black takkies with hardly any other colour. Wear all white/ all black socks with takkies (no coloured stripes or motives).
- Winter PE uniform (Blue school tracksuit & blue school shirt under tracksuit) only on PE days and sports events/ matches (if there is no specified sports uniform). Black/ navy blue takkies with hardly any other colour. Wear all white/ all black socks with takkies (no coloured stripes or motives).

3. HAIR

Hair must be neatly kept at all times. Sides and back may not be shorter than a size zero on the clippers. The sides and back must be kept the same length all around the head. No “steps”, lines, writing or designs are permitted. Afros, dreadlocks, extensions or relaxed perm hairstyles are not permitted. Hair must be no longer than 6 cm long on the top and fade into the sides and back. No hair may touch the learners eyebrows, shirt collar or go over the learner’s ears. No coloured hair/ highlights/ bleaching/ tinting/ dying/ gel is permitted. Facial hair is not acceptable, learners must shave all facial hair as soon as it starts showing.

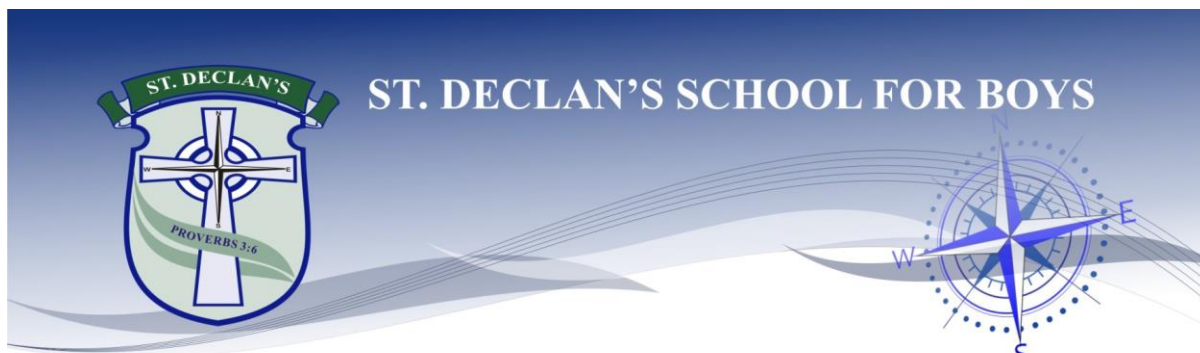
4. DISCIPLINE FOR INCORRECT UNIFORM OR HAIR

Incorrect uniform or hair may be pointed out by any staff member and register teachers are more specifically tasked with making sure to check uniform on a regular basis.

If a learner’s hair is incorrect, he will be given a warning and be allowed until the following Monday to rectify the problem.

If a learner is in violation of the dress code policy, the consequences are as follows:

- Learners will receive a demerit from the relevant teacher. If the problem persists then a demerit will be issued every day until the problem has been rectified.
- High School learners will be asked to remove their blazer and tie until their uniform/ hair is corrected if the problem persists for 5 days.
- No boy will participate in extramural matches/ events until uniform/ hair is corrected. The teacher overseeing the extramural will implement this ruling.



If a learner comes to school with the incorrect uniform/ hair and was unable to correct it for good reason, then a letter must be written, signed and dated by a parent/ guardian. The learner will still not be allowed to wear their blazer and tie or cap until the issue is corrected. The letter must be kept on the learner at all times during the day. The letter will only be acceptable if the parent/ guardian had a good reason for not rectifying the problem.

5. JEWELLERY AND EXTRAS

- Learners may not wear any jewellery, other than a simple watch or a thin gold/ silver chain with a small cross on it. The chain must be long enough to stay under their shirt. Boys may not wear any other religious apparel whatsoever (parents have signed the application form where this is stated under Religious Affiliation). No string or ribbon bracelets are permitted. Learners are not allowed any earrings, tongue rings or nose rings. If an ear, tongue, or nose ring hole needs to be kept open, then a learner must make use of a bristle or clear stud.
- Learners may not have any visible tattoos; all tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Learners may not wear nail polish of any kind.

6. MATRICS (GRADE 12)

- Matric Tie – Matric learners will be required to wear a different necktie to the rest of the school. This tie will also be the learners Alumni Tie which they will wear when coming back to the school in future years for old boy related events.
- Matric Jacket (optional) – The Matric jacket is a long-time running tradition in South African High schools. The matric learners will have the opportunity to wear their matric jacket every Friday, at sporting events and on civvies days. On these days the blue school shirt (PE shirts) and black/navy blue jeans must be worn with the matric jacket. Black/ navy blue takkies with hardly any other colour. Wear all white/ all black socks with takkies (no coloured stripes or motives).