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SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All boys are expected to read and learn the School Rules.

The School believes that the only discipline of real significance is that which the individual imposes upon himself. These rules aim to make each boy aware of the value of self-control, orderliness and the need to cultivate a sense of responsibility for his own conduct and for the larger community of which he is a part.

1) Meetings and Obligations

It is the responsibility of each boy to keep himself informed of matters published in “TAS Talks”, the Term Calendar, via email and on the Notice Boards. Every student is expected to use his TAS email account as a means of daily communication. If a boy has conflicting obligations he must see that he is excused beforehand from those he cannot meet.

2) Dress Regulations

The School expects its students to wear their full school uniform correctly and with pride and sets high standards for students in public. It is our expectation that uniform and shoes will be clean and in good repair. Hair is combed and of an acceptable length (not over the collar, ears or eyes), with no artificial colouring and sideburns to be half way up the ear. During the school day students arriving or departing grounds must wear a blazer and akubra hat unless instructed otherwise.

The Uniform

Middle and Senior School Students:

(a) Winter Uniform: The School uniform comprises the striped senior blazer for students in Years 11 and 12, the School blazer for boys in years 6 to 10 plus a white or grey shirt, school tie, grey socks, grey trousers, approved school jumper and black laced shoes with leather uppers of an acceptable design. The grey shirt is to be worn at school while at all formal occasions a white shirt is worn instead of the grey (the latter is referred to as ‘formal uniform’ in Terms 2 and 3.

(b) Summer Uniform: Boys are to wear the alternative summer uniform. This comprises khaki shorts and shirt of approved school pattern, long socks of approved pattern, black shoes, tie and Senior (striped)/School blazer. A school jumper may be worn with this uniform.

(c) Boarders travelling dress: Boarders travelling to and from the school at vacation times may wear civvies No. 2 (collared shirt, shorts or trousers with belt, covered shoes).

(d) Overcoats: There is an approved outer garment to be worn in cold or wet weather over a school blazer or over the school jumper at school. This navy blue top coat is an optional garment.

(e) Non-school uniform: Boys will be notified specifically when they are allowed to wear non-school uniform apparel.

(f) Ornaments: The wearing of ornaments – rings, bracelets, earrings, etc is not permitted, nor is the wearing of non-school badges on uniform.

(g) Hats: All day students (6-12) must wear their Akubra hat to and from school and it is a compulsory item of uniform. Non-regulation hats/caps are not to be worn with school uniform or school sports clothing.

NB: BLAZER: Yr 11 and 12 wear the striped sports blazer. All other years wear the plain blue blazer. Once a student has honours displayed on the blazer it may be referred to as an ‘honours blazer’.

Sports Dress

TAS sport polo shirt: All boys will have a TAS sport polo shirt. This has the School crest embroidered on it. This should be worn, with TAS blue shorts, when representing the School in external competitions. This includes: tennis, swimming, athletics, touch, volleyball, canoeing, water polo and bench press.

House polo shirt: For any inter-house sporting activities, including the athletics championships, swimming championships and inter-house cricket competition, each boy will wear his House polo shirt. Additionally, for swimming and athletics, TAS blue shorts are worn.
**TAS tracksuit:** All boys will have a TAS tracksuit which may be worn at training, at matches and when travelling to and from matches.

**TAS All Weather Jacket:** Optional and may be worn to training or when travelling to and from sporting events or at matches.

**TAS cap or TAS bucket hat:** This should be worn for all outdoor summer sports and recreation and, where appropriate, some outdoor winter sports. Non-TAS caps are not permitted. The exception is cricket, where the TAS wide brimmed “Chappell” hat is strongly recommended.

**TAS swimming costume:** All boys must wear the TAS blue swimmers at the School carnival and when representing TAS at external carnivals. House swimming caps must be worn at the School carnival and TAS swimming caps for external carnivals. Both caps are provided by TAS.

**PE uniform:** TAS polo shirt or plain white polo shirt, TAS blue shorts, white socks and joggers.

**Dress for training:** This will vary from sport to sport and will be determined by the MIC of each sport in consultation with the Director of Co Curricular.

**Dress for matches/competitions:** Boys will wear the appropriate TAS sports uniform as determined by the School. As boys will be representing TAS, their uniform will be neat and clean and in good order. The wearing of articles of clothing which carry advertisements is expressly forbidden at any time.

**When travelling:** On sporting trips, all boys will travel in School uniform or the appropriate sports uniform or TAS tracksuit as determined by the Director of Co Curricular.

**The Wearing of Student Uniform**

i. Boys’ ties should be worn so that the collar button is done up and does not show

ii. Shoes should be polished daily

iii. Full school uniform must be worn in public between school and home (day students). This includes blazer and akubra hat.

iv. Within the school, blazers do not have to be worn except at formal occasions or Tuesday Assemblies. The grey jumper may not be worn outside school as an outer garment.

v. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted (see dress regulations above)

vi. Any jewellery worn must not be visible

vii. Each article must be clearly marked with a woven name tag (sewn tags, not iron-on tags. (laundry markers do eventually fade).

**Manners**

There is an expectation on all students to accept, uphold and practice good manners and behaviour appropriate to the occasion. Staff and parents are expected to support the school in this area.

**Absence, Illness and Punctuality**

i. All boys must be at school on time. If late, the student must sign in the late book in the General Office.

ii. Parents are asked to advise the school if their son is absent by 8.30 am on the day of absence. A written note from a parent explaining the absence MUST be provided to the General Office the day after return.

iii. Should a boy be ill during school hours he is to go straight to the School Medical Centre. The sister will then take appropriate action. Boarders must not be in the Boarding House if they are ill.

iv. Should a parent require a boy to keep a special appointment that would interfere with school work or activity a written request to the Deputy Headmaster is required (via email). The leave book in the general office must then be signed upon departure and return.

v. In any case of infectious disease or contact with infectious disease the school must be notified immediately and the boy shall not return to school until the School Sister informs the Headmaster that there is no risk of spreading infection.
vi. Pupils are expected to attend school for the full period of the term. An “Application for Exemption from Attendance at School” MUST be completed by a parent and permission given prior to the leave being taken. This form should be directed to the Deputy Headmaster on dhm@as.edu.au for approval.

vii. Should a student be unable to meet sporting obligations for a match for which he has been selected he is to seek leave from the coach concerned, giving as much notice as possible so a replacement can be found.

viii. No pupil may leave the school grounds during school hours without the specific authority of the Deputy Headmaster. Boys in Year 12 may apply to arrive late or leave early depending on their timetable. In all cases these movements must be recorded in the ‘Sign Out Book” at the General Office.

Safety
i. Sensible behaviour is expected within and around buildings and on the sporting field at all times. Physical behaviour between students will not be tolerated and may result in suspension.

ii. Boys are not to enter laboratories, language rooms, the F2 rooms, the Technics and music rooms until invited to do so by teachers.

iii. No missile of any kind may be thrown or projected

iv. The riding of bicycles or skateboards is prohibited in the Lawrance Quadrangle and along the front drive. Boys riding bicycles must wear an approved bicycle helmet.

v. No knives, explosives or dangerous materials may be brought into the school or boarding houses

vi. No boys should have liquid paper in his possession

vii. Boys may not interfere with electric wires or fittings in school or boarding houses

viii. Boys may not retain live ammunition or firearms.

ix. Boys are forbidden to interfere with fire safety equipment. An automatic fine will be imposed if this occurs.

x. Aerosol cans of any type, particularly deodorants are not permitted because of the fire detection equipment. Any misuse will result in a substantial fine to the student responsible.

Motor Vehicles
i. A day boy may drive to school provided he and his parents have provided the ‘Permission to Drive to School’ form in duplicate, available from Front Office or the school website.

ii. The vehicle is not to be used between the commencement of the school day and 3.30 pm (unless permission has been sought for “Late Arrival/Early Leave in the case of Year 12 students). The vehicle is not to be brought on to school property.

iii. Boys are forbidden to drive other boys in their cars without the written permission of parents of the passenger, which should then be submitted to the Deputy Headmaster.

iv. Boarders are not to have the use of a motor vehicle in Armidale unless parents have presented a case for good cause and the Deputy Headmaster has approved. A separate Boarders Drivers form is available from Front Office and the website.

Taxis
i. No taxi is to be ordered from the school by pupils without the authority of either the Housemaster, Front Office or the Sportsmaster who will sign a Taxicharge docket.

ii. The taxi company has been instructed that no other form but the school Taxicharge is to be accepted.
Smoking, Drinking, Drugs

i. Boys may not smoke nor may they bring such materials into the school.

ii. Boys may not bring alcohol into the school, nor have it on their possession, nor consume it. It is state law that alcohol may not be purchased by anyone under 18 years of age.

iii. Psychoactive drugs (depressants, stimulants and hallucinogens) are forbidden. The school will take disciplinary action concerning any individual within its jurisdiction who sells, helps obtain, possesses, consumes or is under the influence of any of these.

iv. Prescribed medicines must be left with Sister in the Medical Centre.

Leave Exeats

i. General: Exeats are required for all leave except short leave, eg to corner shop in Mann Street. Permission for these comes from the Master on Duty (Boarders).

ii. Exeats: Parents are asked to supply a visitors’ list to the Housemaster. This list may be altered at the parents’ discretion. If a boy wishes to go on exeat he fills in the exeat form and if the name of the host is on the visitors’ list no further action need be taken by parents. An email or telephone call must be received from the host before permission is granted by the Housemaster. In the case where the host is not on the visitors’ list, contact will be made by parents as well as by the host in order to cover any eventuality. All exeats should be completed by breakfast on Thursday morning. Boys handing in late exeats may not gain approval for leave. (Boarders)

iii. Leave for Tea: Should parents wish to take their sons (boarder) to a local restaurant for a meal, Housemasters should be contacted at the earliest opportunity.

iv. Appointment Leave: Where possible all dental and similar appointments should be made during holiday time. Leave from school will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The School Sisters are to organise any medical appointments for boarders in term time.

v. Weekend and Overnight Leave: Leave may be taken on Friday afternoon but must be after school commitments have been met. Students should return by 8.00 pm Sunday but on request boys may be allowed to return to school by 8.20 am Monday. Weekend leave is to be regarded as a privilege, not as a right (Boarders).

vi. House Visiting: Boys in one House may not visit boys in another House unless permission has been obtained from the MOD in each House. Day boys must have permission from a boarding Housemaster to visit boys in his House. (Boarders / Day Boys).

Lap-Top Computers

Please refer to the publication “Technology at TAS” for rules and regulations.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are only to be used at times when a student would expect to be able to use a school phone (ie. Recess, lunch time and after school). Therefore, they should not be used at times such as prep, in class, assembly, chapel, concerts and the like. At these times, phones should be switched off. Phones will be collected at entry to exams or tests and returned at the completion of same.

The School’s bullying and harassment policy applies to the use of mobile phones. The use of voice, data, photo facility or email messaging to bully, harass or offend another person will be considered a serious school offence and falls within the school’s general protocols on bullying.

Boarders may use their phones in accordance with the rules of each boarding house.

Personal Property

Boys are responsible for their own personal property. Theft of others’ property will be punished severely.