

# INFORMATION

*For Primary*

# STUDENTS & PARENTS



# 2026

*Welcome to Kalbarri DHS!*

## ***SCHOOL VISION***

Kalbarri DHS is committed to providing a comprehensive, targeted education which fosters positive wellbeing for every student while valuing and inspiring individuals to develop their skills, confidence and character in choosing their future pathway.

## ***VALUES***

Knowledge and Friendship

## ***Message from the Principal***

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome you and your family to Kalbarri District High School.

We are proud to be a school where every student is known, valued and supported to achieve their personal best. Our dedicated staff are committed to providing a high-quality education that is both engaging and challenging, while nurturing the wellbeing, confidence and character of every child.

At Kalbarri District High School, our values of **Knowledge** and **Friendship** underpin everything we do. These values are strengthened through our shared expectations of **Respect, Responsibility and Care**, creating a safe, inclusive and positive learning environment where students are encouraged to grow academically, socially and emotionally.

We recognise that parents and carers are our most important partners in education. By working together through open communication, mutual respect and shared goals, we can ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

This booklet has been designed to provide you with important information about our school, our programs and the many opportunities available to your child throughout their educational journey.

I encourage you to become actively involved in our school community and to celebrate your child's achievements along the way. We look forward to building a strong partnership with you and supporting your family throughout your time at Kalbarri District High School.

Thank you for choosing Kalbarri District High School. We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.

Tyler Caddy  
Principal

## **CONTACT US**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

8.00am ~ 4.00pm – Monday to Thursday  
8.00am ~ 3.00pm - Friday

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026**

|        |                                 |   |                                    |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| TERM 1 | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February | ~ | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April     |
| TERM 2 | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April   | ~ | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July        |
| TERM 3 | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July    | ~ | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| TERM 4 | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October | ~ | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December |

## **SCHOOL VACATIONS (INCLUSIVE)**

|                                     |   |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April      | ~ | Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July       | ~ | Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July    |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September | ~ | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | ~ | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February |

## **SCHOOL TIMES**

|                               |   |                   |
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| Kindy Mon Tue & Every 2nd Wed | ~ | 8.40am – 2.50pm   |
| Secondary Start               | ~ | 8.30am            |
| Primary Start                 | ~ | 8.40am            |
| Recess                        | ~ | 10.30am – 10.50am |
| Lunch                         | ~ | 12.50pm – 1.30pm  |
| Whole school finish           | ~ | 2.50pm            |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### *Attendance - every day counts !*

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's success. At Kalbarri District High School, we work in partnership with families to ensure every student attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn.

If a student is absent for **three consecutive days**, a member of the school administration team will contact parents or carers to check on their wellbeing and discuss any support that may be required. We celebrate and encourage excellent attendance by:

- Presenting the **Attendance Cup** to the class with the highest attendance at school assemblies.
- Recognising students with outstanding attendance through certificates and reward vouchers.

When your child is absent, our school management system, **Compass**, will automatically send a text message requesting confirmation of the absence. Parents and carers are encouraged to reply to the text with the reason for the absence. The **Compass App** is available to download from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Please contact the school office to obtain your login details. Using the app allows you to:

- Submit absence notifications in advance.
- View attendance records.
- Receive important school communications.

Alternatively, a written note explaining your child's absence can be provided upon their return to school.

If your family is planning to travel during the school term, please arrange an appointment with the Principal to discuss your child's absence before you leave.

### *Arrival times*

Students should arrive at school with enough time to prepare for the start of the school day. Supervision is available from **8:15 am**, and students should **not arrive before this time**.

### *End of Day*

Students are expected to leave the school grounds promptly after the final siren unless they are participating in a supervised school activity.

Please ensure appropriate arrangements have been made for your child to travel safely home each day.

### *Enrolment*

Enrolment forms are available on the school website or can be completed at the school office before your child commences.

To ensure we can contact you in an emergency and provide the best possible care for your child, please notify the school immediately of any changes to:

- Home address
- Telephone numbers
- Emergency contact details
- Medical information or health conditions
- Custody or family arrangements that may affect your child

### *Arriving Late or leaving during the day*

If your child arrives late to school, they must report to **Student Services** to sign in before attending class.

Students who need to leave during school hours must be signed out at the front office by a parent, carer or authorised guardian before departing the school grounds.

## ***P & C Association***

The Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to become actively involved in our school community, meet other families and contribute to the ongoing success of Kalbarri District High School.

The P&C meets each term to discuss fundraising initiatives, support school programs and stay informed about school activities. Funds raised by the P&C help purchase additional resources, equipment and provide valuable opportunities for our students.

We warmly encourage all parents and carers to attend meetings and become involved.

## ***School Council***

The School Council plays an important role in the governance and strategic direction of Kalbarri District High School.

Council membership includes elected representatives from:

- Parents and carers
- Teaching staff
- Support staff
- Students
- The wider community

The School Council meets at least once each term and works collaboratively with the Principal to:

- Endorse school policies
- Monitor financial planning
- Review and endorse the School Business Plan
- Support the school's strategic direction and continuous improvement

## ***Canteen***

Our P&C-operated canteen is managed by **Finlay's Restaurant** and provides a healthy and convenient lunch service on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

Lunch orders can be placed online using the **My School Connect** app.

The canteen promotes healthy eating and any profits generated are returned to the P&C to support school programs and initiatives that benefit our students.

## ***SCHOOL COMMUNICATION***

Keeping families informed is an important part of our partnership with parents and carers.

## ***School Newsletter***

Our school newsletter is distributed **twice each term** via Compass and provides updates on:

- School news and achievements
- Upcoming events
- Student learning and classroom activities
- Important notices and reminders

## ***Compass***

Compass is our primary communication platform. Through the Compass App, parents and carers can:

- Report student absences

- Receive attendance notifications
- Access important school information
- Receive urgent messages and announcements
- Receive notes for excursions

If you receive an attendance text message, please reply with the reason for your child's absence to assist us in maintaining accurate attendance records.

### ***Website and Facebook***

Families are also encouraged to visit our school website and Facebook page for the latest news, celebrations, events and important updates.

### ***Assemblies***

School assemblies are held **twice each term** and provide an opportunity to celebrate student achievement and showcase learning across the school.

Assemblies may include:

- Honour Certificate presentations
- Student performances
- Classroom presentations
- School announcements
- Special celebrations and events

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to attend.

### ***Uniform Shop***

The P&C operates the school Uniform Shop, which is open on **Thursday afternoons**.

Uniform order forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

### ***Contribution and Charges***

Each year, Kalbarri District High School provides families with information outlining school contributions and charges.

These funds support the delivery of quality educational programs and resources throughout the year.

Some charges are **voluntary**, while others relate to optional activities or specific learning programs. If you have any questions regarding contributions, charges or payment options, please contact the school office or our Manager Corporate Services. Payments can be made by:

- EFTPOS at the school office
- Direct deposit
  - Kalbarri District High School
  - BSB 016 650
  - ACCOUNT 340900021

We appreciate your support in providing the best possible learning opportunities for all students.

### ***P & C Contribution***

This is a voluntary contribution set at \$25 per child.

## STUDENT MATTERS

### Positive Behavior Support Program

At Kalbarri District High School, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

Our **Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)** framework promotes and reinforces the positive behaviours that contribute to a successful school community. Our shared school expectations are:

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Caring**
- **Aspire**

These expectations underpin all aspects of school life and guide students in their learning, relationships and personal development.

Throughout the year, staff explicitly teach and reinforce a focus behaviour each fortnight, helping students develop positive habits and make responsible choices. Positive behaviours are recognised and celebrated across the school, encouraging students to contribute positively to our learning environment.

Our school community has developed a **Positive Behaviour Matrix**, which clearly outlines the behaviours expected in different settings throughout the school. This provides students with consistent expectations and supports a positive, caring and inclusive culture where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

## Kalbarri District High School Behaviour Matrix



|                    | Respect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Responsibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Caring                                                                                                                                                                                    | Aspire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Classroom          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use manners and be polite</li><li>• Take care of and return school equipment</li><li>• Take care of personal property</li></ul>                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take ownership for your actions</li><li>• Be prepared and be punctual</li><li>• Begin tasks when asked</li><li>• Stay on task</li><li>• Model good behaviour</li><li>• Follow the dress code</li><li>• Ask for help</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use kind words and actions</li><li>• Help, share and include others</li><li>• Value equity and accept individuality</li></ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build positive relationships with peers and adults</li><li>• Actively listen</li><li>• Do your best and challenge yourself</li><li>• Support achievement</li><li>• Use time wisely to complete all tasks</li></ul> |
| Outdoors           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look after your school environment</li><li>• Use manners</li><li>• Agree on rules before playing</li><li>• Show good sportsmanship</li><li>• Wait patiently for your turn</li><li>• Take care of and return school equipment</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walk on paths and verandahs</li><li>• Wear a hat</li><li>• Follow recess and lunch procedures</li></ul>                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include others in games</li><li>• Share equipment and play areas</li><li>• Use kind words and actions</li></ul>                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Electronic Devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take care of all electronic equipment</li><li>• Respect self and others when communicating online</li></ul>                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use computers, laptops and iPads following 'Acceptable Usage Agreement'</li><li>• Log off/ shut down at end of session correctly</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use appropriate language when communicating online</li></ul>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

### ***Student Health Care Plans***

The health and wellbeing of our students is a priority at Kalbarri District High School.

As part of the enrolment process, parents and carers are required to complete a **Student Health Care Plan**, including up-to-date emergency contact details and the name of an alternative emergency contact should you be unavailable.

It is essential that the school is informed of any medical conditions, allergies, medications or health care needs so that appropriate support can be provided. If your child's medical information changes, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Minor illnesses and injuries are managed by trained staff at school. If your child becomes unwell during the school day, parents or carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child from the school office after signing them out.

In the event of a serious illness or medical emergency, the school will seek immediate medical assistance and contact parents or carers as soon as possible. We are fortunate to be located within close proximity to the local medical centre.

Many members of our staff hold current First Aid qualifications.

If your child requires prescription medication to be administered during school hours, please contact the administration team to discuss the appropriate procedures and complete the necessary documentation.

### ***Reporting and Assessment***

Kalbarri District High School follows the Department of Education's Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Policy and Guidelines.

Student achievement and progress are monitored throughout the year using a range of assessment methods. Formal written reports are provided **twice each year**, at the end of **Semester One (Term 2)** and **Semester Two (Term 4)**. Parents and carers are encouraged to maintain regular communication with their child's teachers to discuss progress, celebrate achievements and address any concerns throughout the year. Reporting to parent meetings are held twice a year to discuss students reports, celebrate progress and collaboratively develop goals to support ongoing learning.

### ***Student Council***

The Student Council provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, represent their peers and contribute positively to the school community.

Each year, students from **Year 4 onwards** elect class representatives to serve on the Student Council.

Student Councillors work together to:

- Represent student voice
- Assist with school assemblies and special events
- Organise fundraising activities for charitable causes
- Promote leadership, citizenship and school spirit

Through their involvement, students develop confidence, responsibility and valuable leadership skills.

## **LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Kalbarri District High School offers a diverse, engaging and inclusive curriculum designed to meet the needs, interests and aspirations of every student. Our learning programs combine explicit teaching with hands-on, practical and inquiry-based experiences that encourage students to think critically, solve problems and apply their learning in meaningful ways. Learning is supported through an integrated approach across curriculum areas, helping students make connections between subjects and develop the knowledge, skills and capabilities needed for lifelong learning. We are committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities that inspire curiosity, creativity and a love of learning while supporting every student to achieve their personal best.

### **English**

At Kalbarri District High School, we are committed to developing confident, capable and enthusiastic readers, writers, speakers and listeners. Our Kindergarten to Year 2 students participate in a structured literacy approach, including an intensive phonics program that provides the essential building blocks for reading and writing success. Students also engage in rich oral language experiences that strengthen communication skills and support the development of literacy across all learning areas. Students in Years 3 to 6 continue to build their literacy skills through explicit teaching in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, speaking and listening. Learning experiences encourage students to think critically, communicate effectively and develop a lifelong enjoyment of literature.

Literacy is celebrated across our school through a variety of engaging experiences, including:

- Our annual **Rainbow Festival**, celebrating literacy, culture and creativity.
- Literacy-focused incursions and author or performer visits.
- Book Week

### **Humanities and Social Science**

The Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) learning area incorporates four subjects:

- Civics and Citizenship
- Economics and Business
- Geography
- History

Through HASS, students investigate the world around them while developing the ability to question, analyse evidence, think critically, make informed decisions and communicate their ideas effectively. Students also build an understanding of Australia's history, diverse communities and their role as active and responsible citizens.

### **Mathematics**

At Kalbarri District High School, we are committed to developing strong mathematical understanding and confidence through engaging, high-quality numeracy programs.

#### **Kindergarten to Year 2**

Our early years students participate in hands-on mathematical learning experiences that develop essential number knowledge and problem-solving skills. Technology and coding are incorporated to strengthen mathematical thinking and build confidence.

## Years 3 - 6

Students engage in a balanced mathematics program that combines explicit instruction, collaborative problem-solving and practical applications. Technology is integrated to help students apply mathematical concepts to authentic, real-world situations.

Mathematics learning includes:

- Number fluency and mental mathematics
- Mathematical investigations
- Games and collaborative learning
- STEM learning experiences
- Numeracy-focused incursions and enrichment opportunities

## Science

Science at Kalbarri District High School encourages curiosity, inquiry and a deeper understanding of the world around us. Students develop scientific knowledge and practical investigation skills through engaging, hands-on learning experiences using the **Primary Connections** program and other inquiry-based approaches. Students also participate in **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** learning, where they collaborate to investigate, design and solve authentic real-world challenges. Students in **Years 3 to 6** benefit from specialist Science/STEM instruction, providing opportunities to further develop critical thinking, creativity and innovation.

## Technology

The Western Australian Curriculum includes two complementary Technologies subjects:

- **Design and Technologies**, where students use design thinking to create innovative solutions to real-world challenges.
- **Digital Technologies**, where students develop computational thinking and digital skills by designing, creating and evaluating digital solutions.

Technology is integrated across the curriculum, enabling students to collaborate, create and become confident users of digital technologies. Primary students have access to a wide range of digital learning devices, including laptops and iPads, to support learning across all curriculum areas.

## Arts

The Arts program encourages students to develop creativity, confidence and self-expression through a variety of visual and creative experiences. Primary students participate in specialist Visual Arts lessons while also engaging in arts experiences that are integrated across the curriculum. Through creative learning, students develop imagination, problem-solving skills and an appreciation for the arts and diverse cultures.

## Language

Students in **Years 3 to 8** participate in weekly Indonesian language lessons with a specialist teacher. Learning Indonesian provides students with opportunities to develop communication skills, cultural understanding and global awareness. Through interactive lessons, songs, games and cultural activities, students gain an appreciation of Indonesia while building confidence in using another language.

## **Physical Education**

At Kalbarri District High School, we believe that physical activity plays an important role in supporting students' health, wellbeing and learning. All students from **Pre-Primary to Year 6** participate in **60 minutes of specialist Physical Education each week**. These lessons focus on developing:

- Fundamental movement and gross motor skills
- Teamwork and sportsmanship
- Skills across a variety of sports and physical activities
- Knowledge and habits that support a healthy, active lifestyle

Students in **Years 3 to 6** also participate in an additional **80-minute sport session each Friday afternoon**, providing opportunities to further develop sporting skills, teamwork and fitness.

## **Faction Sport**

Kalbarri District High School has two school factions that compete throughout the year in a range of sporting events. Participation is encouraged, with an emphasis on teamwork, personal achievement and school spirit.

Our annual faction events include:

- **Term 1** – Pre-Primary to Year 2 Beach Fun Swimming Carnival
- **March** – Years 3 to 12 Faction Swimming Carnival at the Geraldton Aquarena Leisure Centre
- **Early Term 3** – Whole School Cross Country at the Kalbarri Foreshore
- **Late Term 3** – Two-day Faction Athletics Carnival for Pre-Primary to Year 12

These events provide students with opportunities to challenge themselves, represent their faction and celebrate participation and achievement.

## **Interschool Sports**

Our primary students participate in the NCVISSA (Northampton, Chapman Valley School Sporting Association), which brings together schools from across the district to compete in a range of interschool sporting carnivals.

The annual interschool sporting calendar includes:

- Term 1 – Swimming Carnival
- Term 2 – Winter Carnival (AFL, Netball and Soccer)
- Term 3 – Cross Country and Athletics Carnival
- Term 4 – Summer Carnival (Cricket, T-Ball and Basketball)

Participation in interschool sport provides students with opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork, leadership and pride while representing Kalbarri District High School within the wider community.

## **Health**

At Kalbarri District High School, the health and wellbeing of every student is a priority. Our Health program supports students to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed decisions that contribute to a healthy, safe and balanced lifestyle.

The Health curriculum addresses both **physical health** and **mental, social and emotional wellbeing** through engaging, age-appropriate learning experiences.

Students explore topics including:

- Healthy eating and nutrition
- Physical activity and active lifestyles
- Personal safety

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Building resilience
- Mindfulness and emotional regulation
- Positive relationships
- Bullying prevention and respectful behaviours

Students from **Kindergarten to Year 5** participate in the **Crunch & Sip®** program, which encourages healthy eating by providing opportunities to enjoy fresh fruit or vegetables and water during class time.

As a **Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)** school, Kalbarri District High School explicitly teaches and reinforces positive behaviours through our school values of **Respect, Responsibility, Care and Aspire**. By promoting positive relationships, resilience and a strong sense of belonging, we create a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

### ***KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY***

The early years of a child's education provide the foundation for future learning, wellbeing and success. At Kalbarri District High School, we are committed to giving every child the very best start by providing a nurturing, engaging and stimulating learning environment.

Our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary programs focus on developing strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, communication, creativity and social skills through play-based and explicit teaching approaches. We encourage curiosity, confidence and a love of learning while supporting each child's individual needs and developmental stage.

Our early childhood programs offer:

- A caring, safe and inclusive learning environment where every child is known and valued.
- A personalised approach to teaching and learning that recognises each child's strengths and needs.
- Strong foundations in literacy and numeracy through evidence-based teaching practices.
- Rich learning experiences that develop communication, creativity, problem-solving and social skills.
- High expectations for teaching, learning, assessment and reporting in line with the Western Australian Curriculum.
- Access to a broad range of learning opportunities, including specialist programs and whole-school initiatives.
- Collaborative partnerships with families to support every child's learning and development.
- Connections with education, health and community services to support children's wellbeing and successful transition to school.

Our dedicated Early Childhood staff work closely with families to ensure every child develops the confidence, resilience and skills needed for a successful transition into primary school and beyond.

## ***EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION***

Young children are naturally curious, creative and eager to learn. At Kalbarri District High School, our Early Childhood program nurtures this curiosity by providing rich learning experiences that support every aspect of a child's development.

Our programs are designed to promote students' **social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and creative development**, while fostering confidence, independence and a lifelong love of learning.

Teaching and learning are guided by the:

- **Western Australian Curriculum**
- **Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)**
- **Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines**
- **National Quality Standard (NQS)**

Our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary learning environments are carefully designed to meet the diverse needs, interests and developmental stages of each child. Through a balance of structured teaching and purposeful play, children are encouraged to explore, investigate, create and solve problems in meaningful ways.

Learning experiences include:

- Play-based and inquiry learning
- Explicit teaching of early literacy and numeracy skills
- Hands-on discovery using a variety of learning materials
- Opportunities to develop communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills
- Indoor and outdoor learning experiences that encourage exploration and creativity

We recognise that **play is a powerful and essential way for young children to learn**. Our educators provide a balanced program that combines child-initiated exploration with intentional, teacher-guided learning, ensuring every child is challenged, supported and inspired to reach their full potential.

By working closely with families, we create a safe, caring and inclusive environment where every child develops the confidence, resilience and skills needed for a successful transition into primary school and beyond.

## ***HOMEWORK***

### ***Encouraging Positive Homework Habits***

Establishing a regular homework routine helps children develop organisational skills, independence and positive study habits that will benefit them throughout their education.

The best time for homework will vary from family to family and depends on when your child is most alert and able to concentrate. Some children work best before dinner, while others are more focused later in the evening. Choosing a consistent time each day helps create a successful routine.

Parents and carers can support their child by:

- Setting aside a regular time for homework each school day.
- Helping children plan and organise their homework.
- Encouraging independence while providing guidance when needed.
- Celebrating effort, persistence and achievement.

### ***Homework Expectations***

Homework at Kalbarri District High School is designed to reinforce classroom learning without placing unnecessary pressure on students.

For our **Primary students**, homework typically includes:

- Reading at home **five nights each week**.
- Short revision or practice activities to consolidate classroom learning.

We encourage families to make reading together a regular part of their daily routine, as it is one of the most effective ways to support literacy development and foster a lifelong love of learning.



## ***DRESS REQUIREMENTS***

### ***School Uniforms***

At Kalbarri District High School, students are expected to wear the school uniform with pride. Wearing the school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, school spirit and equality, while helping to create a positive learning environment.

Please refer to the School Dress Code included in this booklet for full uniform requirements.

### ***Clothing***

To help prevent lost property, **all clothing and personal belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Students are expected to:

- Wear the correct school uniform each day.
- Wear **closed-in shoes** that are safe and suitable for school activities.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and school activities.

### ***School Bags***

Students should bring a sturdy school bag that is large enough to carry:

- Books and schoolwork
- A lunch box
- A drink bottle
- A hat

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their bag.

### ***Sun Safety***

Kalbarri District High School is a **SunSmart** school and follows a "**No Hat, No Play**" policy.

Students are required to wear a broad-brimmed, bucket or approved school hat whenever they are outdoors during Terms 1 and 4, and whenever UV levels require sun protection.

Families are encouraged too also:

- Apply sunscreen before school.
- Pack sunscreen for reapplication if required.
- Provide a refillable water bottle to help students stay hydrated.

Students without an appropriate hat may be required to remain in designated shaded areas during outdoor activities.

### ***Uniform Shop***

The P&C operates the Kalbarri District High School Uniform Shop, making it easy for families to purchase school uniforms and hats.

The Uniform Shop is open each **Thursday afternoon from 2:50 pm.**

Uniform order forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

We encourage all students to wear the school uniform correctly each day as a positive reflection of themselves and our school community.



## **KALBARRI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ~ DRESS CODE**

(Revised and Endorsed by School Council August 2021)

### ***The Dress Code – Rationale***

*The Education Act (1999) and Education Regulations (2000) allow for schools, through the School Council, to formulate a Dress Code for students. Students at Kalbarri District High School are expected to wear the school uniform.*

It is our belief that the wearing of a school uniform.

- Fosters and enhances the public image of the school
- Builds pride in the school
- Assists in building school unity and team spirit
- Ensures that children are safely dressed and easily identified for specific school activities
- Encourages equity amongst children through minimising competition between children to wear expensive or fashionable clothing
- Reduces pressure on parents to provide expensive fashionable clothing
- Provides an economical and affordable range of clothing for everyone.

The Department of Education *Dress Requirements for Students* states:

“Denim items must be excluded from all school dress codes and uniforms except where a school has been granted a general exemption for its senior students.”

All items outside of approved School Council Dress Code must be approved by the School Council through the Principal. Applications for exemptions to the KDHS Dress Code may be granted in exceptional circumstances and must be made to the principal.

The school may take the following action towards Students not wearing approved Dress Code.

- Student referred to the School Office
- Parent will be contacted and asked to bring in appropriate uniform item
- If parent unwilling or unable to provide appropriate uniform item the student may be offered a clean second-hand item to change into.

## **OUR SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

### **Primary**

- Wide brimmed navy-blue hat, bucket hat or baseball cap
- Plain navy-blue shorts, skirts or skorts of an appropriate length
- Plain navy-blue bottoms including tracksuit
- Red polo shirt with small white printed/embroidered logo on upper left or faction sports shirt
- Navy Blue Hooded jumper with small white printed/embroidered logo.

### **Secondary**

- Wide brimmed navy-blue hat, bucket hat or baseball cap
- Plain navy blue short, skirts or skorts of an appropriate length
- Plain navy-blue bottoms including tracksuit
- Navy blue polo shirt with small white printed/embroidered logo on upper left or faction sports shirt. DOE or school related polo shirts (i.e. Country Week, SIDE, Yr 12 Leavers, Bushrangers) may be worn
- Navy blue Hooded jumper with small white printed/embroidered logo.

### **Personal Presentation**

- Students and uniforms should be clean
- Uniform shorts should be of suitable length that enables all expected activities to take place with modesty.

### **Make up**

- To be minimal if any at all.

### **Safety**

- Any Jewellery items that appear excessive or are possibly dangerous to self or others must be removed whilst at school. Only sleepers and studs may be worn in ears. Necklaces should be short and tucked behind clothing
- Students will be asked to remove unsafe jewellery
- Medi-alert must be always worn
- Footwear that has side and back of heel support and flat heel (secondary to wear enclosed shoes)
- Hats must be worn throughout the year when students are outdoors
- **Footwear** – Students may be excluded from some classes if inappropriate footwear is worn
- Students will be requested to tie up long hair for safety or hygiene reasons.

### **Availability**

- All uniform items are available through the school P&C.

### **Sport**

- When representing the school students must wear the school uniform
- Primary students are asked to wear their faction sport shirt during Friday afternoon sport lessons.

### **Parent Support**

- Parent support of the Dress Code policy is expected and appreciated.

## SCHOOL MAP



