The Dress Code - Rationale
The Education Act (1999) and Education Regulations (2000) allows 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 white thin stripes on collar and sleeves and small white printed/embroidered logo on upper left or faction sports shirt. **DOE or school related polo shirts/track suit (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 worn at all times
- 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.