

Celebrate

A Guide for Junior Prep Families:
Grades 1-3 2026

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From the Junior Prep Principal



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Dainfern College! We are delighted that you will be joining our Junior Preparatory family as we journey together through these important formative years.

Our school is a vibrant and dynamic environment where children are encouraged to explore, learn, and develop their individual strengths within an ethos of respect, inclusion and excellence. At Dainfern College, we nurture strong foundations in academics, physical literacy, the arts, and culture, supported by a curriculum that promotes critical thinking, meaningful integration of technology, and the development of qualities that shape competent, purposeful and ethical citizens in an ever-evolving world.

This Information Guide has been compiled for your convenience, and we trust that you will find it helpful. Our Code of Conduct, communication procedures, and policies are available on both the Dainfern College website and the school app.

We wish you and your family a happy and rewarding journey with us this year and in the years to come.

Nicky Jansen van Vuuren

Principal: Dainfern College Junior Preparatory

Introduction to Dainfern College

Dainfern College is a visionary, co-educational school founded on a Christian ethos and traditional core values, catering for students from Grade 0000 to Grade 12. We are student-centred and holistic, and we strive for quality in all that we do. Our outstanding, committed teachers ensure that we have a strong and relevant academic focus. We have built a reputation for providing an innovative education, as well as individual opportunities and excellence in the sporting, cultural and outreach spheres.

Vision

“To become recognised as one of the leading educational institutions in the country.”

Mission

Dainfern College develops **skills for life** required to unlock unique personal potential and to nurture **creative thinkers** with the confidence to become **leaders** – through the provision of an innovative, relevant and quality education.

Core values: ‘FISHAR’

- **Fortitude:** Showing courage and resilience in the face of challenge.
- **Integrity:** Being honest and showing strong moral principles.
- **Self-discipline:** Correcting and regulating one’s own behaviour.
- **Humanity:** Showing compassion and consideration for others.
- **Accountability:** Taking responsibility for one’s choices and actions.
- **Respect:** Showing consideration for the feelings and rights of others.

Structure

Dainfern College operates as a non-profit company.

The **Board of Governors** is responsible for the governance of the school. It appoints the Principals and has a strategic and fiduciary responsibility.

The **Finance Committee** is a sub-committee of the Board of Governors: it oversees the finances of the College and sets the fees on an annual basis.

The **College Executive**, comprising the Executive Head of College (who also serves as the Principal of the High School), the Principals of the Senior and Junior Preparatory Schools and the Business Director, are responsible for the educational leadership and operational management of the College. Together they form the College Executive Committee (CEC), which is chaired by the Executive Head.

The **Dainfern College Parents' Association** plays an active role at the College. The objectives of the Association are threefold: liaison, social interaction and fundraising. All parents and guardians are welcome to become a part of this body.

For further information contact the PA at pa@dainferncollege.co.za.

The **Dainfern College Foundation** is focused on being a positive driver of change both within Dainfern College as well as the broader education arena, by multiplying the impact of our education facility on the world around us.

The Foundation aims to raise funds for Dainfern College to ensure that the College remains at the forefront of independent education in South Africa. We have developed a fundraising strategy, known as the **Celebration Campaign**, to support three strategic areas that need financial support:

- **Our Community:** for positive impact on the lives of vulnerable and less fortunate children via feeding, education and other outreach initiatives.
- **Our Campus:** to enhance our facilities to be a benchmark, world-class reference over the long term.
- **Our Continuity:** to create a sustainable capital platform to fund ongoing projects from investment returns.

The Foundation is a separate registered trust with Public Benefit Organisation status and is managed by a Board of Trustees.

For further information or to contribute to one of the strategic areas, please contact Ms Lindokuhle Sithole, our Foundation Manager and Head of Advancement, at lsithole@dainferncollege.co.za.

Round Square



Round Square is a world-wide association of more than 260 schools on six continents that share unique and ambitious goals. Students attending Round Square schools make strong commitments beyond academic excellence towards personal development and responsibility.

Dainfern College has been a Global member of Round Square since 2012, giving our students the opportunity to participate in conferences, community service, work projects, exchange programmes and adventuring experiences, which can, and often do, take students half way around the world. We have successfully hosted both a Regional Conference and an International Conference for the 12–14-year-old age group, bringing together hundreds of students from all over the world.

IDEALS

As a proud Round Square school, we take a holistic approach to education and inspire our students through experiential learning using the Round Square IDEALS of International Understanding, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service. One of our deliberate intentions is to embrace Round Square in its totality and bring the IDEALS of Round Square to the core of all that we do. Not only does this benchmark us against the top schools in the world but it continues to expose our students and staff to international best practice.

DISCOVERIES

The Round Square Discovery Framework, linked through all three phases of our school from Grade 0 to Grade 12, looks to create more ways of synthesising academic, skills-based, experiential, social-emotional learning. This powerful combination is perfectly aligned with our own FISHAR value system (see page 3) and allows vital character-based education to take place. Our students are encouraged through Round Square to be the best individuals they can be by developing the essential discoveries of Tenacity, Courage, Self-awareness, Compassion, Inventiveness, Sense of Responsibility, Teamwork Skills, Problem Solving, Communication, Commitment to Sustainability, Inquisitiveness and Appreciation of Diversity.

For further information, please contact our Head of Round Square, Mrs Sonia Claassen (sclaassen@dainferncollege.co.za).

Community service

Community service is strongly encouraged throughout Dainfern College. We hold collection drives across the College throughout the year, including Easter, Winter Warmth and Christmas. We also participate in Mandela Day activities every year and support activities such as the Cancer Shavathon. Our students also make sandwiches each week for vulnerable children at our partner schools.

In addition to these smaller projects, we concentrate our efforts on the following partnerships:

Cosmo City Crèches: This partnership was established in 2005 when the crèches were run from the informal settlement known as Zevenfontein. Both schools have grown from 20 children to over 75 children. Their facilities are very limited and they have no space to run around. We support them with equipment and run crèche days for each one once a term.

ReShomile (Diepsloot West Primary): This school has 1 400 students from Grade 0 to 7 and 31 teachers. The objective of our twinning initiative with Diepsloot West Primary is one of academic upliftment and mutual benefit.

LEAP 4 School: The LEAP learning model is designed to support children from South Africa's township communities to become South Africa's leaders of the future. Dainfern College partners with the LEAP 4 School in the Diepsloot area, supporting them through a generous sharing of classroom, science laboratory and computer facilities, and constant working together to create opportunities for sharing and interacting across many areas of school life.

Organisation

Dainfern College caters for children from Grade 0 to Grade 12, and also has close ties with our on-campus nursery school, Country Readiness. There are thus four phases of education on our campus:

- Country Readiness: Grade 0000 – Grade 00
- Junior Preparatory: Grade 0 – Grade 3
- Senior Preparatory: Grade 4 – Grade 7
- High School: Grade 8 – Grade 12

All students in the Preparatory School are divided into classes of mixed ability, with a maximum of 26 students per class, with the following exceptions:

- In the event of a staff member's child joining the school;
- To replace a future leaver;
- Where a new family joins with three or more children and two of the children can be accommodated; or
- For consolidation/acceleration of students.

School Houses

The three Houses at Dainfern College are Griffin (Yellow), Kraken (Blue) and Phoenix (Red). Students are all allocated to Houses once they reach Grade 1 and siblings are always placed in the same House.

General information

School calendar

Dainfern College operates a **three-term** academic year. The Year calendar, with the dates of the school terms and holidays can be found on our school smartphone app and on the school website. The live Term calendar is also on the school app – you can sync the live Term calendar with your own personal calendar. This will ensure your calendar is automatically updated with any additions or changes to school events.

NB. Parents/guardians are requested to arrange their holidays to coincide with official school holidays. Requests for students to miss school during term time will NOT be considered, except under exceptional circumstances.

School attendance

It is legally compulsory for children to attend school, and absence from school will not be condoned, unless the student is ill, or there are exceptional circumstances requiring the absence, or if the absence has been occasioned by infectious/contagious diseases. **Any contagious diseases should immediately be reported to the school.** A note from the parent is required to explain all absences. A doctor's certificate is required if a student is away from school for three or more days in succession. A doctor's certificate is also required if a student misses a test or examination.

Lice: If a student has lice, he/she will not be allowed at school until such time as a clearance certificate from a clinic/doctor has been obtained.

School day

We run an integrated day in **Grades 1 and 2** where sporting extramural activities are incorporated into the school day. This allows students to participate in a single programme designed to provide a strong foundation of physical, social, cultural and academic opportunities. These rich and varied experiences and exposures ensure sound, holistic development and growth within an extended school day.

From **Grade 3**, most cultural activities and Academic support form part of the school day. Students are then able to participate in their choice of sports extramurals after the academic day. They have an opportunity during the school day to change into the correct sports kit.

School hours

Students are to be dropped off in the 'stop and drop' zone of the Junior Prep carpark between 07h00 and 07h30 each morning. Staff are on duty to meet and greet the children who then proceed to their classrooms, where class teachers receive them.

Lessons begin at 07h30 with Circle Time, where teachers and children connect, reflect and prepare for the day.

For **Grades 1-3** the school day ends at 14h00 from Monday to Thursday and at 13h00 on a Friday. After the end of the academic day, our **Grade 3s** are then able to participate in their chosen extramural activities.

At the end of the school day, class teachers will escort students to the JP Reception area. Parents/guardians are respectfully requested to be punctual as teachers all have afternoon meetings, training and extramural commitments. Students who are not collected timeously will be booked into Aftercare and charged accordingly.

Please note that in the last two or three weeks of each term, the closing time for all three grades changes to 13h00 each day once extramurals have ended. Parents/guardians will be notified accordingly.

Aftercare & Holiday Care

Outsourced Aftercare/Holiday Care/Before Care is offered to Preparatory School students in the Grade 0 block and is available to Grade 0-3 students at the end of each school day as well as during most days of school holidays. Aftercare is independently run by Club Engage. For further information about their services, please contact Club Engage's Centre Director, Ms Santoshnee Maduray, on 083 383 1590.

New Parents' Welcoming Committee

There is a support group for new parents and guardians, coordinated by the Parents' Association – please contact Ms Lindokuhle Sithole in the College Marketing department or email her at lsithole@dainferncollege.co.za for further information.

Tuckshop

While our Junior Prep students do not visit the tuckshop, parents/guardians are able to pre-order healthy snacks for them via the links on the school app. These are then delivered to the Junior Prep for the children. Please contact Mr Gian Boffelli for more information at gboffelli@dainferncollege.co.za.

Medical emergencies

Nurse & ambulance service: We have a school nurse on campus each day until 16h00 (nurse@dainferncollege.co.za). We have also engaged with an emergency services provider for assistance in getting injured parties to hospital and getting access to treatment at the hospital without any unnecessary delays.

Emergency medicine: Should any student have a serious allergy or condition (such as asthma) and require emergency medicine to be kept at the school, this can be left with the class teacher or Mrs Sharon Maytom in JP Reception. Teachers **must** be informed as to where emergency medicines can be sourced and a record of this fact needs to be kept on our student files. **A form needs to be completed giving specific teachers as well as the school nurse permission to administer this medication.** Allergies need to be highlighted on application forms to ensure they are entered on the student's profile.

Over-the-counter medication: The school nurse has some basic over-the-counter medication available for the treatment of minor ailments. These may only be dispensed with permission from parents and guardians, and you will be asked to complete a form that will be kept on record.

Transport service

Dainfern College has engaged the services of a company called KVE-Driven which offers transport services for your children. KVE-Driven has an outstanding reputation and has been in the business of transporting children since 2006. The following areas are serviced by dedicated KVE-Driven transport: Dainfern and surrounding estates, Broadacres, Chartwell, Cedar Lakes, Craigavon, Fourways and Fourways Gardens, Helderfontein, Beverley, Lonehill, Paulshof, Bryanston, Pineslopes, Douglasdale, Witkoppen, Glenferness, Kyalami and Sandton.

For more information, please contact the KVE-Driven office on 082 594 7528 or email them at info@kve-driven.co.za.

Traffic control

Speed limit: The speed limit on the College campus is **15km/h**. This limit needs to be adhered to at all times, please.

One-way system: Between 06h30 and 08h00, and 12h00 and 14h30, a **one-way** system of traffic flow operates, the entrance being at the main gate and the exit at the top gate behind the JP block. At all other times, the top gate is locked, and all traffic enters and exits through the main gate.

Drop & drive: During peak hours, no parking is allowed outside the High School classrooms near the main Tuckshop; by the High School Quad and alongside the Grade 0 playground. **These areas are used as 'Drop & drive' areas.**

Parking: Should a parent need to park in the Junior Preparatory area, parking is available at the Junior Preparatory entrance. **Please do not park or 'stop and drop off' in the staff parking (shade ports) at any time.** The staff bays are clearly marked.

Security

Security system: A security system, involving active guarding and strategic camera coverage of all access/egress control, is operational at all times. Parents, guardians and visitors may access the Junior Preparatory through the main JP entrance, where they will have to ring for access. Our JP children are not allowed to wander around campus unsupervised. To ensure their safety we ask parents/guardians collecting children from extramurals at any area on campus to please arrive early as young children easily become distressed when their parents/guardians are not there when they finish. For the safety of our children, any students not collected will be booked into Aftercare and charged accordingly.

Security guards: Please treat the security guards with courtesy should they need to stop you or inconvenience you in any way during the course of their duties. They have been empowered to search cars randomly if a need arises. Please remember: **they are there for the safety and protection of you and your child.**

Car access stickers: Access stickers are allocated to each family upon enrolment and updated each year. Cars not displaying access stickers will not be allowed into the College without scanning of the vehicle licence and driver's licence. Additional stickers can be obtained from Reception, and must be signed for.

Students leaving early: Should a student need to leave school early for a particular reason, approval needs to be gained from the relevant class teacher. A written note or email is required the day before. All students leaving early must be fetched by an adult who needs to report to the Junior Prep Reception area. A 'Pass-out slip' needs to be completed and this must then be given to the guards at the gate.

Academics

Class teaching predominates in the Junior Preparatory. All students have specialist teachers for Afrikaans, Art, isiZulu, EdTech, Music, Media and Physical Education. Class teachers are responsible for the pastoral care of the students in their classes.

Academic offer

- Languages (*English, Afrikaans & isiZulu*)
- Life Skills
- Mathematics
- Art
- EdTech, Coding & Computational Thinking
- Media
- Music
- Physical Education

Learning at home

All students are expected to read every day. Various ideas and activities are also given to facilitate the partnership between home and school and thereby help your children to succeed. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to partner with your children on their educational journey. Valuing and reinforcing the work and skills taught at school will engage and motivate your children and help them see and create a vision for education that will last the rest of their school days and beyond.

Academic support

Academic support is offered to students in Grades 1 to 3 by internal and external therapists who work on campus. The academic support team is comprised of a student support specialist, remedial therapist, two speech therapists and two occupational therapists. The services of the student support specialist are included in the school fees. Additional therapies are for the parents/guardians' account and are paid directly to the therapist.

Academic promotion

In order to be promoted from one grade to another, students need to have met minimum academic criteria. Should a student not do so, he/she will be required to repeat the grade in order to consolidate. This will be done on recommendation by the teacher and Principal and in consultation with the parents/guardians.

Language choice

At the end of Grade 3, students are required to choose between Afrikaans and isiZulu as their 1st Additional Language choice. This choice is made as they enter the Intermediate Phase of their education (Grades 4-6). The choice of language is made early to enable more academic teaching time in that language during their Senior Preparatory years. Should you have queries or concerns about this please speak to your class teacher or to Mrs Louise Browne, Senior Prep Head of Academics.

Requirements

Stationery & textbooks: For your convenience, the school has a preferred supplier (optional) who makes up stationery packs and delivers them to the school. Should you choose to make use of this service, payment is made directly to the supplier. Dictionaries and workbooks that are required are itemised in the stationery lists. The school supplies all readers.

Suitcases & Tog bags: Students require suitcases or satchels. The 'trolley' type cases are not allowed as they are detrimental to our students' spinal development and they damage the tiles in the corridors. The branded school tog bag is required for sport and is available from McCullagh & Bothwell.

Lockers: In Grades 1 to 3, these are situated in the classrooms.

Communication

App: The school smartphone app is an invaluable communication tool that contains a wealth of information and ensures you receive important notices from the school. It is available for free download from the iStore and Google Play Store (code is **df97**). Contact Mrs Joanna Pettitt (jpettitt@dainferncollege.co.za), the College Communications & Compliance Manager, should you have any queries about the app.

Newsletters are available on our website and app. Newsletters are updated every second Friday.

Communication books are useful for communication between teachers and parents/guardians.

Consultations: Parent/teacher consultations are held at the end of the first and second terms to discuss your child's progress. Should you have a concern about your child/ren's progress at any time, you are welcome to set up individual interviews with the relevant teachers either by phoning Reception and leaving a message for the teacher who will phone back to confirm a time, or by sending an email: email addresses can be found on our app.

Ed-admin Parent portal: The parent portal contains specific parent and student details including contact details, health records, school reports and account information. Each parent/guardian is given a username and password to access the parent portal.

Reports: Junior Preparatory reports are sent out in August and December. These reports are made available on the parent portal, accessed via the app or website.

Parent/Guardian Evenings are held in each section of the College and are an opportunity for communication between teachers and parents/guardians.

Communication from parents/guardians: To ensure problems are sorted out as close to the source as possible, we request that you use the following route:

Class Teacher → Head of Grade → Deputy Principal → Principal

Conduct

Dainfern College has a positive approach to discipline, based on our core values of Respect, Self-discipline and Accountability. 'Choice and Consequence' define our approach, and our Code of Conduct underpins the ethos of the school. This is available on our website.

Sport & culture

A wide range of sporting and cultural activities are on offer at Dainfern College. We believe a focus on sport helps our students to develop healthy and active lifestyles, and enables us to build our teams and our reputation. Cultural opportunities provide skills for life and an enriched educational experience.

Grade 1 & 2 extracurricular activities

There is no formal extramural programme for the Grade 1s and 2s. Instead, a number of optional extracurricular activities are offered, some of which are for the parents/guardians* account (marked by an asterisk below). Many of these are run by external service providers.

Extracurricular Music activities offered in the school day include:

- Birdsong Choir
- Guitar Ensemble
- Violin / String Ensemble

Afternoon activities include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Ballet*
- Chess
- Drama Club
- Junior Prep Choir (Grades 2 & 3)
- Pottery*
- Robotics*
- Taste Buddies*
- Dragons Mini Hockey*
- IntroGolf*
- Judo*
- RuggaKids*
- SuperSport Soccer*
- Private Swimming lessons*
- Private Tennis lessons*

Individual music

Dainfern College has a thriving Music Centre and private specialist teachers are available at the school to teach a wide variety of disciplines (piano, violin, cello, recorder, drums, guitar, etc). These lessons take place after school and the cost is for the parents/guardians' account. No individual vocal lessons are offered for this age group, but group vocal lessons are encouraged. Music theory can also be taken in a class, which is provided by the school at no cost. Enquiries and applications should be sent to Ms Boitumelo Sikonkwane, our Music Centre coordinator, at bsikonkwane@dainferncollege.co.za.

Grade 3 extramurals

It is compulsory for Grade 3 students to participate in at least one sporting activity per season and students are strongly encouraged to participate in a cultural activity too. For Grade 3s all sports extramurals take place after their academic day has ended. Registers are taken and students are expected to excuse themselves in advance if they are unable to attend practice or matches. Please note that school takes priority over club fixtures, particularly during the school day.

For **Grade 3s**, the following cultural activities are offered as part of the school day:

- JP Guitar Ensemble
- JP Violin Ensemble
- Music Theory classes

Arts & Crafts, Ballet*, Chess, Drama, Grade 2 & 3 Choir, Individual Music lessons*, Pottery* and Robotics* are also available in the afternoons – those activities marked with an asterisk are for the parents/guardians' account.

The following sports activities are offered for the **Grade 3s**:

- Athletics – Track and field
- Cricket – Boys and girls
- Cross Country
- Equestrian (own arrangement)
- Hockey
- Netball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis

Dragons Mini Hockey, IntroGolf, Judo, RuggaKids, SuperSport Soccer, private Tennis coaching and Squad Swimming are also available for the parents/guardians' account.

Practices: Should a practice, match or fixture be rained out, the students will be allowed to go home. Galas/meetings and matches are only cancelled at 12h00 on the day of the fixture. If a fixture is cancelled due to rain a notification will be sent out via the school app and students will be allowed to phone their parents/guardians.

Sports uniforms

For Physical Education (PE), students must wear their PE/sports shirt, school PE shorts (the girls may also wear skorts) and tracksuit.

Tracksuits: These form part of all sports kit and **must** be worn to all matches or sporting events, unless otherwise indicated by the teacher in charge. Tracksuits must be worn as a unit i.e. no tracksuit tops with formal uniforms or tracksuit pants with jerseys.

| GRADE 3 BOYS AND GIRLS | |
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| Athletics | Dainfern College PE shirt & PE shorts White socks & sports shoes |
| <i>Athletics Team</i> | Dainfern College PE shirt & PE shorts Dainfern College tracksuit White socks & sports shoes |
| Cricket practices (Boys and girls) | Dainfern College PE shirt & PE shorts Long Dainfern College navy / white socks Cricket shoes <i>or</i> white sports shoes Wide-brimmed white cricket hat/Dainfern peak cap |
| <i>Cricket matches (Boys and girls)</i> | Dainfern College white 'golf' shirt with badge White shorts Long white socks & Cricket boots <i>or</i> white sports shoes Wide brimmed white cricket hat/Dainfern College cap |
| Hockey | Dainfern College PE shirt & PE shorts/skort Dainfern College soccer socks Hockey shoes or sports shoes Shin pads (compulsory) Mouthguard (highly recommended) Hockey stick |
| Netball | Dainfern College PE shirt and PE skort White short socks & sports shoes |
| Soccer | Dainfern College PE shirt & Dainfern College PE shorts Dainfern College soccer socks Soccer boots & shin pads (compulsory) |
| Tennis | Dainfern College PE shirt and PE shorts/skort White short socks & sports shoes Tennis racquet |
| Swimming | Any navy-blue swimming costume suitable for school (no bikinis), worn at PE lessons and swimming practices Red/yellow/blue swimming cap Choice of Navy towel / College towel / Swimming parka |
| <i>Swimming Team</i> | Dainfern College branded swimming costume – compulsory for those swimmers selected for the Swimming team White swimming cap with logo Dainfern College tracksuit & tog bag Dainfern College towel / Swimming parka |

School uniforms

Uniform

Summer uniform: All children from Grade 1-3 wear the same summer uniform as the students in the Senior Prep – navy shorts and cotton shirt for the boys and a tartan skirt or culottes and cotton shirt for the girls.

Winter shirt: The Dainfern College white long-sleeved winter shirt is worn with the tracksuit in Winter. Children also have the option of wearing their PE shirt with the tracksuit. The summer cotton shirts/blouses may not be worn with the tracksuit.

Shoes: All students are to wear white socks and black school shoes (girls) or navy socks and black school shoes (boys).

Uniforms

All uniform items **must** be clearly labelled.

Grade 1 and 2 children wear sports/PE uniform three days a week, and the formal school uniform two days a week.

The public domain: Please note that if students wear their uniforms in public places, they are required to be in full school uniform and neatly presented. Please ensure that the correct socks and school shoes are worn with the uniform too. Otherwise, students need to have changed into casual clothes.

House T-shirts: All students require a House T-shirt with the House logo on the front. Please do not purchase this until you are sure of which House your child is in:

- Griffin – Yellow
- Kraken – Blue
- Phoenix – Red

Coloured swimming caps (yellow, blue and red) are to be worn at InterHouse events and the school white swimming cap with logo for interschools events.

Uniform suppliers

Uniforms are available from:

- **McCullagh & Bothwell** - the school uniform stockist can be found on the upper level of Fourways Crossing (Tel: 011 705 1070).
- **The Uniform Shop:** Open from Monday to Friday from 07h15 to 08h00, and from 13h45 to 14h15 on Thursdays. The Uniform Shop can be found opposite the College tuckshop. They have excellent stock at good prices. Senior Prep and High School lost property is also kept here. (JP Lost Property is kept at the Junior Prep.)

Appearance of students

All students are expected to comply with the uniform regulations and be neatly presented at all times. Guideline skirt length is one hand's width above the knee.

Hair: Hair must be worn in a clean, neat and tidy manner and extremes in hairstyling, dyeing/highlighting of hair are not permitted.

- **Boys:** Hair must be neatly trimmed and not touch collars or ears.
- **Girls:** Hair must be neatly tied up once the length reaches the collar. Long fringes and loose pieces of hair must be clipped back neatly. Only navy blue or white hair bands/alice bands or school tartan scrunchies may be worn.

Shoes:

- **Boys:** When wearing formal uniform in summer, boys wear black school shoes worn with long navy socks. In winter students have the option of wearing school shoes or tackies with their tracksuits, both worn with socks.
- **Girls:** When wearing formal uniform in summer, girls wear black school shoes worn with short white socks. In winter students have the option of wearing school shoes or tackies with their tracksuits, both worn with socks.

Jewellery: No jewellery is allowed, except for Medic Alert discs, plain watches, religious emblems (to be worn discreetly). Girls may wear only gold or silver studs or sleepers in pierced ears (one per earlobe).

Gum: Chewing gum is not permitted at school.

Nails and make-up: Nails must be neatly trimmed. Nail polish and make-up may not be worn to school.

Uniform requirements for Grades 1 to 3

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| All year | Dainfern College floppy hat/peak cap House T-shirt Dainfern College navy jersey with badge Dainfern College navy sleeveless jersey with badge (optional) | Dainfern College floppy hat/peak cap House T-shirt Dainfern College navy jersey with badge Dainfern College navy sleeveless jersey with badge (optional) |
| Summer | Dainfern College white cotton shirt Navy tailored shorts Black school shoes Long navy Dainfern College socks | Dainfern College white cotton blouse with tartan trim on sleeves Dainfern College tartan skirt or culottes Black school shoes Short white socks |
| Winter | Dainfern College white long-sleeved shirt with badge OR Dainfern College PE/sports shirt Dainfern College tracksuit Black school shoes OR Tackies White socks OR Navy socks Dainfern College padded jacket (optional) Dainfern College scarf (optional) Dainfern College beanie (optional) | Dainfern College white long-sleeved shirt with badge OR Dainfern College PE/sports shirt Dainfern College tracksuit Black school shoes OR Tackies White socks OR Navy socks Dainfern College padded jacket (optional) Dainfern College scarf (optional) Dainfern College beanie (optional) |

Physical Education & Swimming uniform

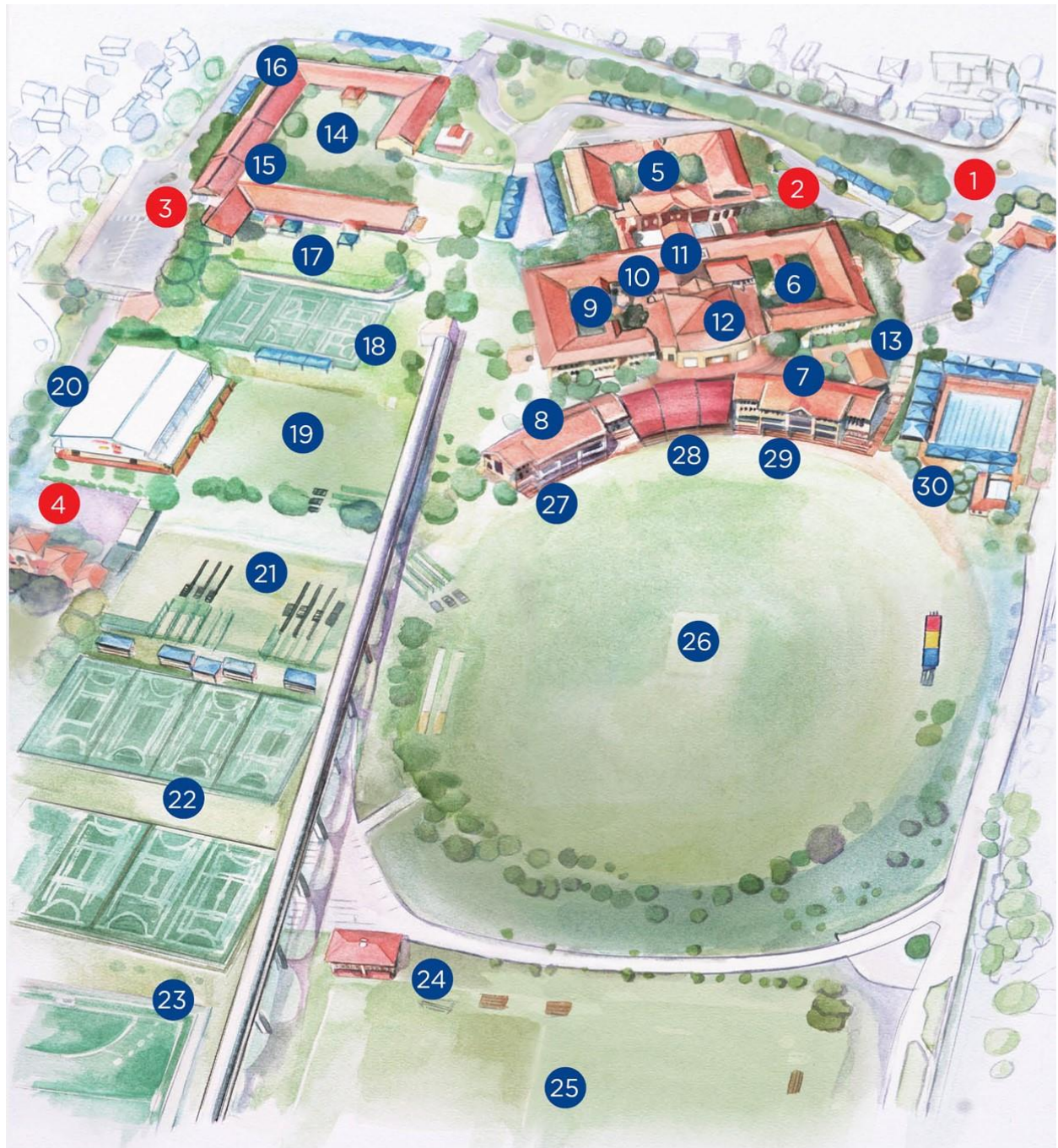
| | GRADE 1-3 BOYS | GRADE 1-3 GIRLS |
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| Physical Education: | <p>Dainfern College PE shirt Dainfern College PE shorts</p> <p>Dainfern College tracksuit Short white socks Sports tackies</p> | <p>Dainfern College PE shirt Dainfern College PE shorts or sports skort</p> <p>Dainfern College tracksuit Short white socks Sports tackies</p> |
| Swimming | <p>Any navy-blue swimming costume suitable for school (no bikinis), worn at PE lessons and swimming practices</p> <p>Dainfern College UV shirt (optional)</p> <p>Red/yellow/blue swimming cap</p> <p>Swimming goggles (optional)</p> <p>Navy towel OR Dainfern College towel OR Swimming parka</p> | <p>Any navy-blue swimming costume suitable for school (no bikinis), worn at PE lessons and swimming practices</p> <p>Dainfern College UV shirt (optional)</p> <p>Red/yellow/blue swimming cap</p> <p>Swimming goggles (optional)</p> <p>Navy towel OR Dainfern College towel OR Swimming parka</p> |

General information

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| Telephone: | 010 020 5457 - Junior Preparatory 011 469 0635 - Main College switchboard |
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We wish you and your family a very happy and successful association with Dainfern College.

School map



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| 1. College entrance | 10. The Garage makerspace | 20. Multipurpose Hall |
| 2. Main reception | 11. Ubambiswano makerspace & Town Hall | 21. Cricket Academy |
| 3. Junior Prep reception | 12. Auditorium | 22. Senior Prep & High School 'Plover' courts |
| 4. Country Readiness Pre-school | 13. Tuckshop | 23. Hockey Astro |
| 5. High School amphitheatre quad | 14. Junior Prep Grades 1-3 | 24. Sports Pavilion |
| 6. High School quad | 15. Imaginarium makerspace | 25. River Field |
| 7. Music Centre, High School Learning Support Centre and High School classrooms | 16. Junior Prep Learning Support Centre | 26. Main Oval |
| 8. Senior Prep & High School classrooms | 17. Grade 0 & Aftercare | 27. Staff & Function Room |
| 9. Senior Prep quad | 18. Junior Prep 'Hadedu' courts | 28. Main grandstand |
| | 19. Junior Prep sports field | 29. High Performance Centre |
| | | 30. Swimming pools |



2026 Term Calendar

| TERM 1 2026 (55 days) | | | | | |
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| START OF TERM 1 | WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY | | Gr 1-12 | 07h30 | |
| | THURSDAY 15 JANUARY | | Gr 0 | 08h00 | |
| CLOSE OF TERM 1 | THURSDAY 2 APRIL | | Gr 0-7 | 11h30 | Gr 8-12 12h00 |
| Half term | Close | Thursday 19 February | Gr 0-7 | 11h30 | Gr 8-12 12h00 |
| | Open | Tuesday 24 February | All | 07h30 | |
| Public holiday | Saturday 21 March - Human Rights Day | | | | |
| TERM 2 2026 (63 days) | | | | | |
| START OF TERM 2 | MONDAY 4 MAY | | All | 07h30 | |
| CLOSE OF TERM 2 | FRIDAY 7 AUGUST | | Gr 0-7 | 11h30 | Gr 8-12 12h00 |
| Half term | Close | Friday 26 June | Gr 0-7 | 11h30 | Gr 8-12 12h00 |
| | Open | Monday 6 July | All | 07h30 | |
| School holiday | Monday 15 June | | | | |
| Public holiday | Tuesday 16 June - Youth Day | | | | |
| TERM 3 2026 (59 days) | | | | | |
| START OF TERM 3 | MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER | | All | 07h30 | |
| CLOSE OF TERM 3 | WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER | | Gr 0-11 | TBC | |
| Half term | Close | Thursday 22 October | Gr 0-7 | 11h30 | Gr 8-12 12h00 |
| | Open | Tuesday 27 October | All | 07h30 | |
| Public holiday | Thursday 24 September - Heritage Day | | | | |
| School holiday | Friday 25 September | | | | |