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## ADDITIONAL EXPENSES & LAPTOP SPECIFICATIONS

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Dear Parents and Students,

At the Design Academy of Fashion, we offer a comprehensive qualification in fashion that encompasses a wide spectrum of disciplines, from digital work to hands-on practical skills. Our fashion program integrates theory, writing, illustration, art, computer work, pattern making, and garment construction to provide students with a holistic understanding of the fashion industry.

We understand that studying fashion can be costly, particularly with the need to purchase the equipment necessary and additionally the fabrics and trims for each look created by students. To help alleviate some of these costs, we actively work to source the best prices and seek sponsorships to assist our students in their creative endeavors.

In collaboration with reputable suppliers, we have curated specialized kits to support our students' artistic and practical needs. These kits include an art kit, available at a discounted rate through Deckle Edge, and a sewing kit, sourced from the Cape Town Sewing Center. Both kits are tailored to the specific requirements of our fashion program and can be purchased directly from the respective suppliers.

Please use the following estimation for budgeting purposes:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Approximate Price</b>
<b>Sewing Machine</b> (Compulsory)	To excel in our fashion program, students will require both a <b>domestic sewing machine</b> and an <b>overlocker</b> . These essential tools can be purchased from any reputable supplier. As a perk for our DAF students, Elna at Cavendish Square extends a generous 5% discount to assist with these important investments	Sewing Machine: Approx. R6000  Overlocker: Approx. R7500
<b>Laptop</b> (Compulsory)	It is essential that students have a personal laptop capable of running the software applications utilized throughout their three years at DAF. <a href="#">Laptop specs to run Adobe</a>	List of Suppliers: DigiCape, iStore, Computer Mania, Incredible Connection and other retailers.
<b>Adobe Suite Software License</b> (Compulsory)	An annual license can be purchased through our service provider The Learning Curve at substantially discounted student rates. <a href="#">Learning Curve Webstore</a>	R3,699.00 <i>(2026 Price subject to change)</i>
<b>Art Kit</b> (Compulsory)	The DAF art kit can be bought directly from Deckle Edge in Woodstock who provide a 20% student discount. <b>Shop G06, 13 Brickfield Rd, Salt River, Cape Town, 7925</b>	R3,150.00 <i>(2026 Price subject to change)</i>



<b>Sewing Kit</b> (Compulsory)	The DAF Sewing & Pattern kit can be bought directly from The Cape Town Sewing Centre. They provide a 10% student discount. <b>78 Darling St, District Six, Cape Town, 7925</b>	R1,700.00 <i>(2026 Price subject to change)</i>
<b>Printing</b> Printer on campus, and a PostNet option available just outside the DAF campus.	Students have access to our high-quality Laser Printer. Utilizing PaperCuts, our streamlined payment system, students can easily purchase printing credits and conveniently manage their printouts. Our competitive printing rates: A4 colour – R 7.50 A3 colour – R 10.00 A4 black & white – R 1.00 A3 black & white – R 1.50	Approx. R1,000.00 <i>per annum</i>
<b>Fabric</b> First Year	DAF buys Calico in bulk to get discounted rates for the students. Students can then purchase the Calico fabric from DAF. <b>(Calico is a cheap, raw state cotton fabric for creating mock-ups of your garments to check the fit, before cutting your desired fabric.)</b>	Approx. R45.00 <i>per meter</i>  Student fabric purchases at fabric stores will amount to approximately R2,000.00 for the first year of studies, and increase over the 3 years at DAF.
<b>Parking</b>	Parking is available in the Old Biscuit Mill, across the road from us at the Cape Town College campus, and on street parking. For monthly paid parking, the Old Biscuit Mill will invoice Design Academy of Fashion, and then we invoice the student.	Prices can vary depending on increases from The Old Biscuit Mill.  TOBM: R1300.00 p/m CTC: R800.00 p/m

We are committed to providing our students with the best possible resources and support to ensure their success at the Design Academy of Fashion.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance regarding the additional expenses outlined above, please do not hesitate to reach out to our administrative team.

Regards,

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**Designate Registrar**

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