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How to choose your corsage and buttonhole for your school formal

A school formal is a special event, and your outfit is only complete with the perfect corsage and buttonhole. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you choose the right floral accents to complement your evening look.

Step 1: Coordinate with Your Partner

- **Discuss colours and themes:** If you're attending with a partner, coordinate your outfits. Your corsage and buttonhole should complement each other and the colours of your attire.
- **Decide who wears what:** Traditionally, the corsage is worn by the female partner and the buttonhole by the male partner, but feel free to adapt these roles to suit your preferences.

Step 2: Choose a Style

- Corsage styles:
 - Wrist corsage: The most popular choice, worn on the wrist with a ribbon or elastic band.
 - o **Pin-on corsage:** Pinned to the dress, typically on the left side near the shoulder.

Buttonhole styles:

- Usually pinned to the left lapel of a suit jacket.
- o Can feature a single flower or a small arrangement.

Step 3: Select the Flowers

- Match the outfit: Choose flowers that complement the colour and style of your formal attire.
 Neutral tones like white or cream are versatile, while bold colours like red or blue can make a statement.
- **Consider symbolism:** Roses symbolize love, orchids represent beauty, and baby's breath conveys purity. Pick flowers that reflect your personality or the occasion.
- Seasonal options: Use flowers that are in season for freshness and affordability.

Step 4: Decide on the Design

- Simple or elaborate:
 - Go for a minimalist look with a single bloom and greenery.
 - o opt for an elaborate design with a mix of flowers, ribbons, and embellishments like pearls or rhinestones.
- **Floral arrangement:** Ensure the design is proportional to your outfit. A large corsage may overwhelm a delicate dress, while a tiny buttonhole might not stand out on a bold suit.

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Step 5: Think About Practicality

- **Comfort:** Ensure the corsage is lightweight and the buttonhole is securely attached to avoid distractions throughout the night.
- **Longevity:** Use sturdy flowers and ensure they are kept cool. Our corsages and buttonholes are fully wired and once created do not have the ability to take in water.

Step 6: Consult a Florist - That's us - Daisy's Florist!

- **Seek professional advice:** Visit a florist, like Daisy's Florist Shop in Toowong, Brisbane, for expert guidance on the best options for your needs.
- Place your order early: Give your florist ample time to create your custom corsage and buttonhole. Provide details about your attire and any preferences.

Step 7: Pick Up and Store Correctly

- **Timing:** Collect your flowers on the day of the formal, your order will be available from 1pm unless other arrangements are made.
- Storage: Keep them in a cool place, away from direct sunlight or heat, to maintain freshness.

Final Tips

- **Personal touches:** Add a small charm, ribbon, or accessory that has sentimental value to make your corsage or buttonhole unique.
- **Photos:** Remember to take pictures of your floral accessories before heading to the event. They'll make a lovely keepsake of your special night.

By following these steps, you'll have the perfect corsage and buttonhole to complement your school formal outfit and make the night even more memorable.