



## The Grange P-12 College Student Dress Code



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact The Grange P-12 College.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline The Grange P-12 College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by The Grange P-12 College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support The Grange P-12 College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- to provide durable and cost effective clothing that ensures our students are appropriately and safely dressed for school activities and caters for the financial constraints of our families
- to maintain and enhance the identity and positive image of the school and its students within the wider community

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from The Grange P-12 College, during school hours and when attending school activities.



## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of The Grange P-12 College's school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, The Grange P-12 College students must comply with the following:

- Uniform items must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Ties, if worn, need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Students from Foundation to Year 12 may wear black styled shoes or black runners.
- Sports uniform items may only be worn on the day when students are engaged in organised sport.
- Sports Academy and STEM Academy uniform is only to be worn by students engaged in the relevant program.

### **Health and safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

In Years F–6 Callistemon Campus: Sunsmart, school uniform hats must be worn outside the 'No hat, no play' policy runs from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the College.

In Years 7 – 12 Deloraine Campus: We expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing the College baseball cap during outdoor activities or by staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.



## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, are available at The College general administration office and are published on our College website.

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone's at Hoppers Crossing, or parents may order it directly from [www.noone.com.au](http://www.noone.com.au)

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or delegate to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The Grange P-12 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by The Grange P-12 College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.



When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

### CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Grange P-12 College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available at the College general administration office.

### COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders via College Compass
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- The Grange P-12 College Sunsmart Policy
- The Grange P-12 College Parent Complaint Policy
- The Grange P-12 College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

### POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2025
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Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2029



## APPENDIX A: THE GRANGE P-12 COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

### All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

#### **Jumper or Jacket**

Blazer – Navy with logo (Optional Years 5-12)

Soft Shell Jacket – Navy with logo P-12

Puffer Jacket – Navy with logo P-12

Thick Jacket – Navy with logo P-12

Jumper – Navy Wool/Nylon with logo

#### **Day-to-Day Wear**

Dress – Navy/Teal/Gold stripe

Skirt – Navy/Teal/gold stripe

Tunic

Everyday Trousers – Navy with logo

Everyday Slacks – Navy with logo

Everyday Shorts – Navy with logo

Shirt – Short sleeve with logo

Shirt – Long sleeve with logo

Blouse – Short sleeve with logo

Blouse – Long sleeve with logo

#### **Sports Uniform**

Sports Polo

Sports Shorts

Track Pants

#### **Sports Science Academy**

Short Sleeve Polo

Long Sleeve Polo

Training Top

Training Singlet

Sports Shorts

Training Jacket

Tracksuit Pants

#### **STEM Academy**

Short Sleeve Polo

**Socks or tights/stockings**

Tights – Opaque – navy

Tights – Cotton – navy

Sport Socks

**Accessories**

Wide Brim Slouch Hat – compulsory P-6

Legionnaire Hat – compulsory P-6

Baseball Cap

Beanie with Logo

Scarf with Logo

Gloves

Backpack with Logo

**Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

**Sports uniform (competition)**

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as rugby, volleyball, basketball etc. These uniforms are provided by the school for the competition.