

Grafton High School



Uniform Procedures

*Implementation Date:
Term 1, 2019*

Procedure statement:

The primary purpose of this document is to ensure Grafton High School's uniform promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a sense of positivity for the school community, allowing for easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community. In line with recent NSW Department of Education School Uniform Policy, Grafton High School strives to provide a uniform that allows student to take in a full range of school activities, including physical activities, and provides girls with an option to wear shorts and pants. This document will also establish explicit strategies for promoting the wearing of the school uniform.

Rationale:

Grafton High School Uniform Procedures have been established after extensive school community consultation. Staff, students and parents/carers were given the opportunity to complete an individualised survey. Initial findings were presented to Grafton High School P&C and a second survey, that focused on common themes of the initial survey responses, was administered to all students, staff and parents/carers. Further to this, members of the school's Student Representative Council were interviewed by the evaluation coordinator, a staff representative and a member of the P&C. The combined findings were compiled into a series of Findings and Recommendations and presented to the school's Executive and P&C.

The school has established a uniform policy which serves to:

- Foster and enhance perceptions of the school within the wider community
- Enhance morale, team spirit and pride in the school
- Ensure students are safely dressed for all school activities
- Encourage equity among students and develops an understanding of the importance of personal neatness, presentation and self-discipline
- Identify non-school children on-site

Context:

Grafton High School is a large comprehensive school community that offers an extensive curriculum featuring a large and diverse choice of subjects from Years 7 to 12, a well resourced and locally supported vocational education program (Years 9 to 12), a support unit comprising six classes catering for students with disabilities and specialised support for learners of all abilities. The School's selective classes commenced in 2010, with the school being the only semi-selective high school on the north coast of NSW.

At Grafton High School, our purpose is to promote a school community (students, staff and parents/carers) that works together to achieve excellence. Our aim is to provide quality teaching and learning in a caring environment. We believe that through cooperation and respect for each other, we can all achieve great things. Grafton High School students are encouraged to respect others, take responsibility for their own learning and behavior, and to strive for excellence. We ask all our students to wear their uniform with pride and dignity and strongly understand that untidy dress or misbehaviour whilst dressed in the school uniform brings discredit to the school, themselves and parents.

Student Expectations:

Uniform must be worn every day at Grafton High School. If unable to wear uniform, students are expected to bring a note from home explaining the reason. ***Parents/carers may purchase new or second-hand uniforms from the Uniform Store at the Grafton High School Canteen***, available during school hours and during the summer school holidays at advertised times. As of 2019, changes will be made to Grafton High School uniform. For all new students to Grafton High School in 2019, uniform will be as follows:

Grafton High School Junior Uniform

- Plain sky blue, short sleeve shirt with collar (No T-shirts)
- Plain black shorts (No coloured trims)
 - Please note:
 - Black shorts MUST be worn by ALL students when completing sport/physical activity subjects. Shorts should be of an appropriate length (i.e. reaching mid-thigh at their shortest).
- Blue tartan school skirt (May be worn with black stockings)
- Royal blue Grafton High School jumper/hoodie or plain royal blue jumper/hoodie
 - Please note:
 - Jumpers, even if royal blue, will not be accepted as uniform if they contain other designs and/or motifs.
 - Junior students should not wear past or current senior jerseys. They will be considered out of uniform if this occurs.
 - Blue Combined High School (CHS) jumpers will be considered as uniform. North Coast representative jumpers and PSSA jumpers will not be considered uniform and all other jackets/jumpers/hooded jumpers, will not be considered Grafton High School uniform.
- Plain black track pants, ¾ pants or slacks (No coloured trims, no tights)
- Fully enclosed shoes/joggers with leather or solid uppers
 - Please note:
 - Student shoes must be flat or with a minimal heel, have a good grip and fit well (No thongs or sandals will be permitted)
 - Leather upper shoes are mandatory for practical subjects
 - See below for additional information
- White socks
- Students are encouraged to wear the school cap or bucket hat for sun protection.



Grafton High School Senior Uniform

- Plain white, short sleeve shirt with collar (No T-shirts)
- Boys: Plain grey shorts (No coloured trims)
- Girls: Plain black shorts (No coloured trims)
 - Please note:
 - Shorts MUST be worn by ALL students when completing sport/physical activity subjects. Shorts should be of an appropriate length (i.e. reaching mid-thigh at their shortest).
- Navy blue school skirt (May be worn with black stockings)
- Royal blue Grafton High School jumper/hoodie, plain royal blue jumper/hoodie or senior jersey
 - Please note:
 - Jumpers, even if royal blue, will not be accepted as uniform if they contain other designs and/or motifs.
 - Blue Combined High School (CHS) jumpers will be considered as uniform. North Coast representative jumpers and PSSA jumpers will not be considered uniform and all other jackets/jumpers/hooded jumpers, will not be considered Grafton High School uniform.
- Plain black track pants, $\frac{3}{4}$ pants or slacks (No coloured trims, no tights)
- Fully enclosed shoes/joggers with leather or solid uppers
 - Please note:
 - Student shoes must be flat or with a minimal heel, have a good grip and fit well (No thongs or sandals will be permitted)
 - Leather upper shoes are mandatory for practical subjects
 - See below for additional information
- White socks
- Students are encouraged to wear the school cap or bucket hat for sun protection.



Grafton High School Practical Subject Uniform Requirements:

Due to Department of Education regulations, no student will be able to participate in TAS or Science practical lessons unless they have the following:

- Technology and Applied Studies (TAS)
 - Long hair tied back
 - Leather, covered shoes – not soft cotton/canvas, ballerina, plastic shoes or sandals
 - Apron, which will be supplied for all practical classes
 - Safety glasses must be worn in all areas. A limited number will be available within each workshop or alternatively they are available for purchase from the canteen
- Science
 - Long hair tied back
 - Leather, covered shoes – not soft cotton/canvas, ballerina, plastic shoes or sandals
 - Safety glasses must be worn in all areas. A limited number will be available in each classroom

Grafton High School Excursion Uniform Requirements:

Students at Grafton High School are normally required to wear school uniform on single day excursions, unless instructed otherwise, or on specific occasions for multiple day excursions:

- It will be specified on all excursion notes, in particular the permission slip requiring parent/carer signature and the student eligibility checklist, that student are to wear full school uniform for day excursions.
- Exemptions are made when students are attending rewards excursions or participating in activities that require a variation in attire. This variation will be specified on permission notes and clearly communicated with students.
- Where it is seen as appropriate by the supervision teacher, students may be required to wear full school uniform to a specific venue or occasion during a multiple day excursion.

Changes to Grafton High School Uniform as of 2019:

The following item will be added as Grafton High School Uniform:

- Royal blue school hooded jumper

The following items will be phased out as Grafton High School Uniform; however, will be accepted as uniform until 2020:

- School jacket
- Junior school jersey
- Blue tartan school shorts
- School sports shirt

Consequences for not Wearing Grafton High School Uniform:

Students of Grafton High School are expected to wear school uniform everyday. If there are multiple incidents where a student has not worn school uniform, without good reason and a written explanation, they may be excluded from non-mandatory extracurricular activities (including representing the school for sport and attending school discos) and parents may be informed of uniform concerns by letter.

If parents/carers are experiencing difficulty purchasing a school uniform for their child/children because of financial hardship, you may be eligible for assistance from the school. Please contact the school for details.