



UNIFORM POLICY

At Elevation Secondary College we are driven by our values of achievement, acceptance, responsibility and community. We are visible in the community when we wear our signature colours of charcoal, orange and teal, and are responsible for upholding the aspirational values of Elevation Secondary College with pride and integrity.

PURPOSE

The aim of the Elevation Secondary College Uniform Policy is to:

- Set the highest standard of appearance, enhancing the identity of our students within the wider community.
- Allow all students to feel equal in appearance and reduce bullying and competition on the basis of clothing.
- Strengthen the spirit of community and pride within the school and enhance individual student safety and group security.
- Ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities and to prepare student for workplace expectations.

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Elevation Secondary College's uniform supplier is Noone Imagewear. Parents/carers can purchase the uniform from the Noone store, or online from Noone.

DRESS CODE

- Students are to wear their academic uniform every day including travelling to and from school.
- Students may wear any of the Elevation Secondary College uniform items made available to them. There are no gender-based restrictions. However, students cannot mix items between the academic and physical education uniform.
- The exception to the above is the blazer and weatherproof jacket (with logo) that may be worn with both the Academic or Sport uniform to assist in appropriate weather wear.
- During Term 2 and 3 the pullover or vest must be worn.
- Students should dress appropriate for the weather, however items may be worn trans-seasonally (e.g. a student may wear shorts all year).

- The school bag is compulsory and can be purchased from the uniform supplier: Noone Imagewear.
- The tie is compulsory for formal events, including assemblies, excursions and school photos. All students are expected to have one.
- The blazer and weatherproof jacket (with logo) are the only items of outerwear allowed over the rest of the academic or PE uniform. This includes travelling to and from school. No jacket or other outerwear may substitute this.
- Black leather school shoes for the academic uniform are compulsory. Student are NOT to wear a black leather runner, skate shoe, slipper, dance shoe, street shoe, etc. Parents are responsible for ensuring shoes purchased fit this code. Black leather T-bar sandals are permitted, provided they have a fully enclosed toe, heel and side.
- Runners/Trainers for the physical education uniform. (Any colour is acceptable).
- Below are the official school items which must be purchased from Noone Imagewear and cannot be substituted (the exceptions are generic black stockings or socks, generic charcoal grey trousers or shorts that may be purchased from other stores, providing they are the same item).

Academic Uniform

- Backpack (black with logo)
- Blazer (Black with logo)
- Pullover and/or vest (Grey Merino wool with logo)
- Dress (grey stripe)
- Shirt (either long sleeve or short sleeve) (grey check with logo)
- Shorts – either straight or tailored cut (charcoal grey)
- Trousers – either straight or tailored cut (charcoal grey)
- Skirt (grey stripe)
- Tie
- Black socks
- Black tights (worn with skirt or dress)
- Black leather school shoes (as described above)

Physical Education Uniform

- PE top – long and/or short sleeve (with logo)
- Sports shorts – either regular or long (grey with logo)
- Tracksuit pants (grey with logo)
- Black socks
- Appropriate footwear for PE: runners/trainers. (as described above)

Optional Outerwear

- Blazer (Black with logo)
- Weatherproof jacket (with logo)

Accessories

- Bucket hat or Baseball Cap (black with logo)
- Gloves (grey or black)
- Scarf (plain grey, or black, or school colours as purchased from Noone)

GUIDELINES

- Students are expected to wear the school uniform with pride during school hours, at school events, while travelling to and from school, and on school excursions.
- Students will wear the academic uniform except when:
 - Students have a timetabled physical education class for that day, in which they will wear the physical education uniform. This is only on a timetabled double PE session day for Year 7-10.
 - VCE classes will not wear PE uniform unless specified by the classroom teacher for a specific activity. Conditions will be communicated clearly.
 - There is a scheduled out of uniform day (casual day).
- Casual clothing options may be allowed for special events but this will be communicated clearly by the College. In this case, selection of items should ensure safety requirements are met, no offensive logos or art work is included, dress respectfully as of the workplace (e.g. no leggings as pant wear).

Support for Uniform Purchases and Economic hardship

- There are a range of supports available from the school to support all families with the purchase of the uniform.
- The school will work with, and support families in ensuring all children have access to the uniform. For example: the uniform can be purchased in stages and/or support of State School Relief and other organisations.
- CSEF support is also available for Year 7s.
- Families should contact the front office for further information

Out of uniform

- Where students may not be able to temporarily wear the uniform (such as due to injury/medical reasons, or waiting on uniform to arrive) they are to provide a written note, signed by a parent, from home. The student must present this note to the Year Level office before the start of school. The Year Level Coordinator will decide if the provided reason is acceptable and determine appropriate action (uniform pass, detention, etc.). If no note is provided appropriate consequences will be applied.

- Students who attend school out of uniform will be asked to work with the school to achieve wearing of the uniform.
- Continued refusal to wear the uniform will result in consequences consistent with the engagement and wellbeing policies of the school.

Exemptions

- Parents seeking exemptions to this School Uniform Policy for religious, cultural or medical reasons should apply directly to the school and request permission for the exemption from the principal. Where possible, any relevant fabrics should match school colours (e.g. charcoal/grey) and/or be purchased from the school's uniform supplier.
- OHS must be observed and exemptions sought must not override safety in practical classrooms (eg. Science, Technologies, Arts, etc)
- If a medical exemption is sought, appropriate up to date evidence from a GP or other medical professional must be provided. A health plan may be developed in consultation with the family and College.

Dressing for the weather

- If extra layers are being worn for additional warmth, they will be plain black, white or gray in colour and be covered by the appropriate uniform.
- No long sleeve tops under a short sleeve school shirt
- No additional warmth items may protrude from underneath the uniform.
- No signage, logos, etc. should be on any under layers.
- Hoodies are not an acceptable layer and the student will be asked to remove it.
- Gloves and scarves are to be black or grey in colour and plain.
- The uniform options provide long sleeve options and outerwear for warmth. These should be the first option sought by families.

Other

- Piercing, hair accessories/styles/colouring/cuts need to be considerate of any OHS standards.
- All garments must be worn as intended by the designer/cut of the garment (i.e. items should not be rolled up, hemmed up, sewn or cut to appear, sit or function in any other way than intended.
- Cultural headwear (eg hijabs) should be plain and in a school colour (eg, black, grey, white, teal or orange).

Prohibited items

- Hoodies and any jacket or jumper not prescribed in the uniform as stated previously.
- Leggings or sport tights

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Elevation Secondary College Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in February 2024 and is scheduled for review in 2027.