

Why is NGS changing the uniform?

The need for a new school uniform was identified through student feedback and will be the first change to our uniform in nearly 30 years. The new style will be more comfortable and practical for modern learning. It also presents a fantastic opportunity to adopt a contemporary style that clearly affirms NGS as the leading school in the region.

How will the uniform change?

- Only one uniform will be required for the entire school year, with additional items and layers for the colder months.
- There will no longer be a distinct summer and winter uniform.
- Girls will have the option to wear shorts or pants to allow for greater modesty and comfort.
- Early Years students will benefit from a less formal uniform (which also won't require ironing) to accommodate a play-based learning model.
- All students will benefit from the improved ability to enjoy being active in class and at play, regardless of age!

To preview the new uniform, we invite you to watch this [video](#) available to view from Wednesday, 21 July.

What is the timeframe?

Students will begin being fitted for the new uniforms later this year, with further details on the timeline of availability to be released soon. The new uniform will only be compulsory for students starting Kindy, Year 7 and Year 11 in 2022. A staged approach will be in place for the remaining years towards a full transition for the start of 2023. We will keep our community well-informed throughout this transition.

What will the new uniforms cost?

Every effort has been made to minimise any financial impact on our families, with prices of the new items aligned to those of the existing uniform. Once confirmed, we will send through an updated price list. As there will no longer be a distinct summer and winter uniform, only one uniform purchase will be required for the whole year. The sports uniform will not change at this time. Most families will have an 18-month period to transition to the new style.

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We have multiple children at NGS, will there be any financial concession?

As there will no longer be a distinct summer and winter uniform, and no change to the sport uniform at this stage, there will be a significant reduction in costs long-term resulting from the need to purchase only one uniform style per student for the whole year. Parents with multiple children will then continue to benefit from the ability to pass the uniform onto younger siblings.

How different is the new design?

The new uniform complements a modernisation of the Newcastle Grammar School brand to better align visually with who we are and what we do. All elements of the crest, and the symbolism this represents, will be maintained. There will be a slight change to enable more practical application of the logo. The core colours will remain the same, with the addition of two supplementary colours – maroon and aqua.

Does this mean the School is moving away from our Anglican foundations or proud history and traditions?

A uniform change will not impact the standard of education we provide to our students, nor will it distract us from delivering on our core values and purpose. Our founding vision remains true. We are committed to providing an outstanding holistic education with a focus on academic excellence. It is simply time to take a practical and contemporary step forward – to RISE and adapt, just as we expect our students to do.

What will we do with our old uniforms?

The Uniform Shop opening hours will be extended during the transition period and a modernised service model put in place. This will include the acceptance of old uniforms to be donated to an international partner school in need. Students will not be permitted to mix and match old and new uniform items.

Who is supplying the new School uniforms?

Materials for the new uniform will be sourced from within Australia, to ensure a consistent supply. We have also selected a specialist uniform company to design and supply the uniform. This is to ensure student requests for contemporary and practical uniform items are met.

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Who was involved in the decision-making process?

Decisions impacting uniforms and visual identity are a Board responsibility. In this instance the Board was able to make an educated choice based on feedback from the School community - in particular the students who will be wearing the uniform.

What does this mean for current NGS families?

All new students and those entering Kindy, Year 7 and Year 11 in 2022 will be required to wear the uniform at the start of the coming school year and will be contacted at the first opportunity for a fitting. A timeline for other students who want to move to the new uniform will be established thereafter.

Where can I get further information?

If you have any further queries, we invite you to get in touch with our uniform enquiries helpdesk by emailing uniform@ngs.nsw.edu.au

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