

CDU Professional Teacher Attire

All pre-service teachers representing Charles Darwin University must ensure that they adhere to professional standards of attire when attending professional experience placements. It is important that you are well-presented and dressed to suit the context you will be working in. As a role model for students and children, please ensure that your attire reflects a positive and professional image.

It is also important to be open to feedback from colleagues or administrators regarding your attire. Be prepared to adapt and make necessary changes to ensure that your presentation aligns with the expectations established by the school or childcare centre. We encourage you to clarify expectations prior to the commencement of your placement.

Dress Code Compliance

- Choose clothing that reflects a professional and polished image.
- Familiarise yourself with the school's or centre's dress code policy and adhere to it.
- Ensure that your clothing choices align with the school's or centre's values and expectations.
- Be mindful of cultural considerations and sensitivities when choosing attire.
- Choose clothing that does not display slogans, band t-shirts, large-branded logos or controversial or offensive messages.
- Provide and wear a sun protecting hat. Cancer Council Australia recommend wearing a hat that can protect your face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed hat, bucket hat, or legionnaire hat.



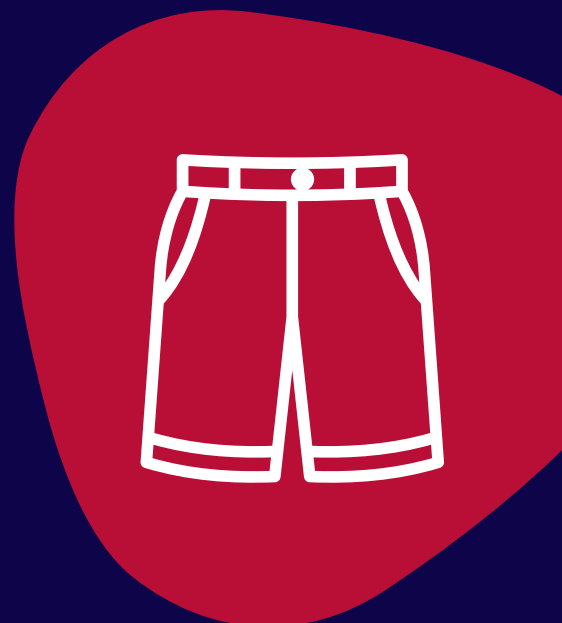
Functionality and Modesty

- Prioritise comfort to ensure you can move freely throughout the day.
- Choose clothing that is modest and fits well. Avoid overly tight or loose clothing.
- Ensure that skirts, dresses, and shorts are an appropriate length.
- Choose tops with modest necklines to maintain a professional appearance.
- Adjust clothing choices based on the season, ensuring appropriate layers in colder weather and breathable fabrics in warmer weather.
- Dress appropriately for special events or themed days, following any guidelines provided by the school or centre.



Footwear and Accessories

- Wear comfortable, safe, closed-toe shoes that are suitable for weather conditions and the teaching environment.
- Wear shoes that have a back and avoid overly casual shoes such as crocs and flip-flops.
- Keep accessories simple and tasteful.
- Limit the use of flashy jewellery and accessories.

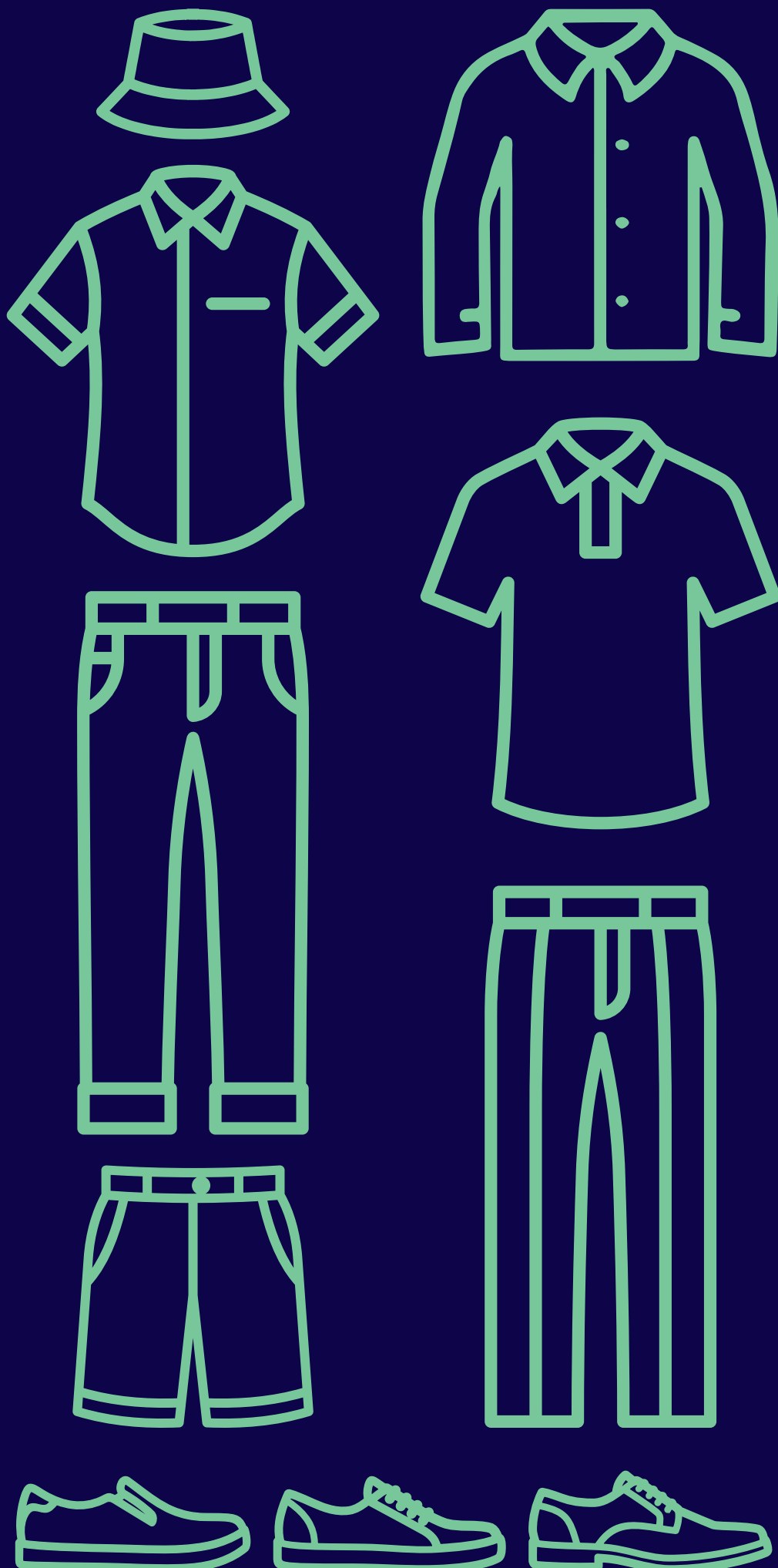


Grooming and Personal Hygiene

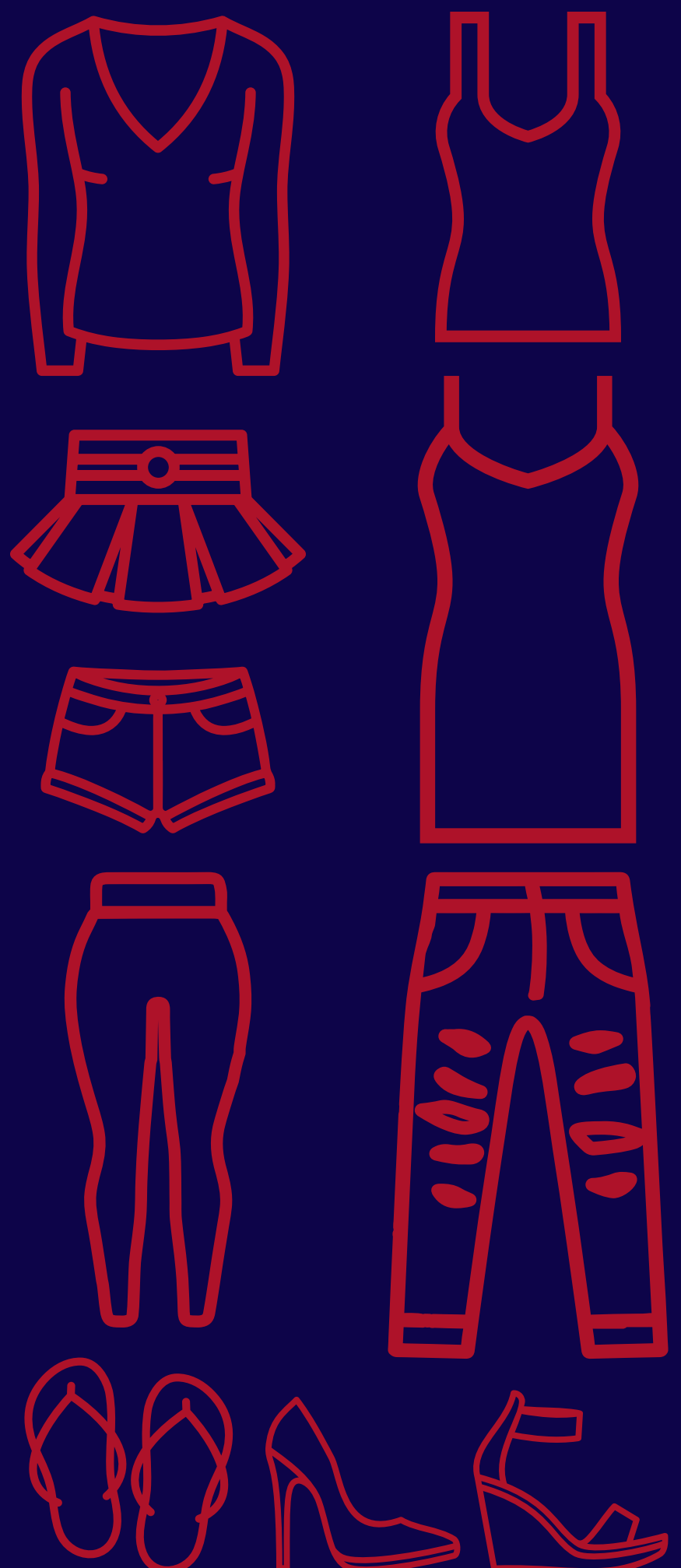
- Maintain good personal hygiene and grooming standards.
- Keep hairstyles neat and well-maintained.
- Keep makeup light and natural.
- Recommend wearing sunscreen.



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