

Youth Parliament 2024

Parliamentary Attire Guidelines



In 2024, we are endeavoring to make Parliamentary attire as accessible as possible for our participants.

This being said, there are a few rules to keep in mind to ensure we uphold the integrity of the program and show our respect to Parliament House.

Non-negotiables:

- Every participant must wear a blazer of some type
- No toes out
- No shoulders
- No cleavage*
- No jeans
- No t-shirts as an outward facing layer
 - Masculine presenting outfit wearers please wear a plain t-shirt under any shirts - not patterns that will show through, even on the back.
- Closed toes shoes only
- No shorts (you won't want to wear them, it gets pretty cold on the bus at 7 in the morning)
- No clothing or accessories which are associated with a POLITICAL PARTY (political issue items are fine - if you're not sure, ask)

The general rule of our Parliamentary attire is as business formal/business casual (as long as you adhere to the above guidelines).

See some examples with
descriptions below

*To a reasonable extent. If your shirt shows some incidental cleavage that is fine.

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Blazer + blouse + pants

- A full-length-sleeved blazer
- A long or short-sleeved blouse
- Business-style pants; no jeggings or super tight pants that look like leggings



Blazer + button-up shirt + pants

- A full length suit jacket Suit pants
- A long or short-sleeved button-up shirt with a business collar
- Long tie or bow tie



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Blazer + blouse + skirt

- A full-length-sleeved blazer
- A long or short-sleeved blouse
- A skirt that sits below or to the knees**



Blazer + dress

- A full-length-sleeved blazer
- A dress that sits below or to the knees**



**Please double check with a taskforce member if you are concerned with the length of your skirt or dress.

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Shoes

Options for shoes include:

- Formal flats
- Heels
- Clean dress shoes
- Short boots

Other things to remember with shoes:

- Shoes should have some grip as Parliament steps can become slippery when wet.
- You will be required to wear these shoes all day in Chambers, as well as up and down staircases, and you won't be able to take them off, so please choose wisely.

To align with our safety expectations, when choosing shoes, please remember:

- No sling back shoes
- No peep toes
- No side cut-outs
- No stilettos
- No crocs



Any colour is fine

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YP24 Parliament House attire guidelines cont.

- Elbows are allowed in Parliament House. Yay!
 - Previously, if have worn a short sleeve shirt or blouse to Parliament House on YP, you have not been allowed to take off your blazer. This rule has been changed and you may now expose your elbows.
- Participants do not need to ask permission of the Speaker/President to remove your blazers during debates.
- You must wear some type of foot covering underneath your shoes. This can be socks or stockings.
- No bulky coats, scarves, or gloves are to be worn at all. If you can't put it in your compendium, if can't come in to Parliament House.
- Any cultural or religious dress items may be worn to Parliament House.
- Any type of jewellery may be worn as long as they are not noisy or distracting.
- Pins or brooches from different associations are okay to wear, however a good rule is that you should be able and happy to explain what the pin/brooch means to anyone who asks.