The academic dress worn at Avondale College graduation ceremonies stems from early traditions that date back to the early Middle-Ages where the church was the custodian of scholarship. The style was influenced by the fact that scholars of that time were usually members of the clergy.

The continued use of gowns, hoods and trenches preserves the ongoing link with the values and traditions of learning and teaching in earlier times. Knowledge for the present builds on the learning of the past.

Institutions of learning show great diversity in their specifications of academic dress. The academic dress of Avondale is a gown of black cloth, modelled on styles used at Cambridge University, and a black hood lined with colours specific to a faculty of discipline. As a graduand, you are required to wear the full academic dress (gown, hood or stole and trencher cap) appropriate to your degree/diploma/certificate at your graduation ceremony.

The colours used by Avondale College in the various academic fields are:

**Discipline Colours**

- **Doctor of Philosophy** ................................................................. Cherry Red gown with Gold hood
- **Master of Education (Research)** ............................................. Jade lined with Red
- **Master of Theology (Research)** .............................................. Steel Blue lined with Red
- **Master of Arts** ........................................................................ Jade lined with Red
- **Master of Leadership & Management** ..................................... Pearl lined with Magenta
- **Master of Nursing** ................................................................. International Orange
- **Master of Teaching (Primary)** .................................................. Jade lined with pastel Magenta
- **Master of Teaching (Secondary)** ............................................. Jade lined with pastel Magenta
- **Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Management** ............... Pearl and Magenta
- **Graduate Diploma of Ministry and Theology** ......................... Steel Blue, Pearl, Spectrum Violet
- **Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management** ............. Magenta with Pearl
- **Graduate Certificate in Nursing** ............................................. International Orange with Pearl
- **Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)** ................. Pearl and Jade with Red
- **Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)** ............ Ultramarine and Jade with Red
- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary) (Birth - 12 Years) (Honours)** .................................................. Jade with Red
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours)** ......................... Jade with Red
- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (Honours)** ....................... Jade with Red
- **Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours)** ....................... Spectrum Violet, Steel Blue and Pearl with Red
- **Bachelor of Arts** ................................................................. Pearl
- **Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching** .................................. Pearl and Jade
- **Bachelor of Business** .............................................................. Ultramarine
- **Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching** ......................... Ultramarine and Jade
- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)** ............................. Jade
- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) (Birth - 5 Years)** ....... Jade
- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary) (Birth - 12 Years)** ........................................... Jade
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)** ............................................ Jade
- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary)** ........................................ Jade
- **Bachelor of Nursing** ............................................................ Apricot
- **Bachelor of Science** ............................................................... Topaz
- **Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching** .............................. Topaz and Jade
- **Bachelor of Ministry and Theology** ........................................ Spectrum Violet, Steel Blue and Pearl
- **Bachelor of Theology** ............................................................ Steel Blue and Pearl
- **Associate Degree in Theological Studies** ............................... Spectrum Violet with Steel Blue
- **Associate Degree of Classroom Support (Primary)** ............... Jade and Lime
- **Diploma of General Studies** ................................................... Pearl
- **Diploma in Outdoor Recreation** ............................................. Sapphire Blue sash
- **Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation** ..................................... Sapphire Blue sash