



Mortar Cap Decorating Guidelines

Convocation is a meaningful milestone that celebrates the hard work, perseverance, and achievements of our graduates. CNC supports graduates who choose to express their individuality through the decoration of their mortar caps in ways that reflect their experiences, aspirations, and identities. To ensure that this celebration remains respectful, inclusive, and safe for all participants, **the following categories are not permitted.**

Prohibited Topics & References

- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances
- Weapons, illegal activity or violence
- Gang affiliation
- Political statements, symbols, or party references
- Content that is discriminatory, derogatory, or offensive on the basis of protected grounds, including but not limited to race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression
- Content that is disrespectful or harmful toward CNC, classmates, faculty, staff, or any member of the college community

Inappropriate Language or Imagery

- Profanity or obscenities in any language
- Vulgar, sexual, or graphic content
- Lewd or offensive imagery

Harmful or Disruptive Messaging

- Anything that:
 - Threatens safety or welfare
 - Promotes disruptive behaviour
 - Advocates harm to others

Advertising & Miscellaneous

- Advertisements, slogans, or promotional content
- Numbers other than the graduation year



Summary:

Graduation cap decorations must be respectful, non-offensive, and safe. Designs may not include references to drugs, alcohol, violence, weapons, gangs, political messaging, or inappropriate language or imagery. Decorations must be limited to the top surface of the cap, and not exceed one inch in height, with nothing hanging from the sides.

At the discretion of CNC Senior Administrator, if a customized mortar cap is deemed to be in violation of these guidelines, it must be removed and replaced with a provided cap.