



# HAIR AND GROOMING POLICY (JANUARY 2015)

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## 1. Rationale

St Patrick's College requires students to maintain a high standard of dress and grooming so as to present an appropriate image of the College to the broader community and to each other.

## 2. Application

All students.

## 3. Policy Statement

### Hair Standards

Hair should be kept neat, tidy and above the collar, ears and eyebrows at all times. This is the underlying regulation regarding hair at St Patrick's College.

The Dean of Students will make the decisions as to the appropriateness of a hairstyle for St Patrick's College.

The following specific regulations must be adhered to so as to ensure the above statement is maintained.

- Blade 2 is the shortest blade acceptable for 'all over' cuts.
- Hairstyles which draw attention to the student will not be permitted. This includes 'afro' hairstyles, buzz cuts, dreadlocks, mullet, undercuts, bowl cuts, tracks, tails, etc. and these are not acceptable in any form.
- If hair is coloured it must be one of these natural colours - blonde, brown, black or red – and 'regrowth' must be attended to. Streaks/tips are not permitted.
- Hair must be clean and combed on a regular basis.
- Hair should not be overly styled by the use of hair products.
- Boys must be clean shaven and sideburns no longer than to mid-ear.

In the case of a breach of the above regulations the following consequences will be observed:

- Students returning to school after a holiday break with inappropriate hair will be sent home until the hair style/colour meets with College guidelines.
- Hair which is too short - morning tea and lunch time detention each day until the hair has grown to a suitable length.
- Inappropriate hair style or colour will need to be changed immediately (within 24 hours). Parents advised that students will not be allowed to return until hair meets College guidelines.
- Students who are not clean shaven will be given the option to shave using the equipment provided by the College or have their parents called to organize for the to go home and shave.
- All consequences refer to the first offence. A student who is a repeat offender in this area may face more severe consequences. This will be at the discretion of the Assistant Principal Student Formation.

## Dress Standards

So as to maintain a high standard of dress, the following specific regulations must be adhered to:

1. Uniform must be worn appropriately at all times:
  - socks up
  - shirts tucked in
  - plain, black leather belt
  - black, shiny, formal school hard leather shoes (cleaned and polished)
  - top button of shirt done up when wearing a tie
  - grey/black socks with long trousers
  - shorts/trousers to be worn on the waistline
  - College wide-brimmed hat if playing at break times (no hat, no play)
  - T-shirts are not to be worn under the school shirt as it detracts from the appearance of the College uniform.
2. Students must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene.
3. Jewellery is not to be worn with the uniform:
  - no earrings
  - no body piercing (i.e. nose, eyebrows and tongue)
  - no chains, wrist chains/bands
  - no rings
  - no tattoos

A crucifix may be worn on a chain around the neck. Unacceptable jewellery will be confiscated by staff and returned at an appropriate time.

4. Students must be clean shaven with sideburns no longer than to mid-ear.
5. College day uniform must be worn as a participant or spectator for interschool events.
6. If students are requested to attend a Saturday detention, full school uniform must be worn in the appropriate manner as set by the College.

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