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## **COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY**

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### **Statement Of Policy**

Good Shepherd Catholic College is committed to providing a sense of belonging through the wearing of the whole College uniform.

### **Rationale**

The College uniform signifies a student's belonging to the school community and promotes a sense of equality by shifting focus from appearance to individual character and behaviour. It supports the development of important life skills by encouraging students to consider aspects of personal hygiene, health and safety. All students are expected to take pride in their appearance and uphold the values of the College, both on campus and in the wider community, as positive role models.

### **Policy Directive**

Students of Good Shepherd Catholic College are required to wear the correct College uniform and maintain a standard of personal appearance that aligns with the expectations outlined in official College documentation, including the Student Diary and Enrolment Handbook.

The College uniform is designed to:

Be affordable and accessible for all College families;

- Align with SunSmart guidelines.
- Accommodate the variety of curricular and co-curricular activities students participate in.
- Be suitable for the local climate, ensuring student comfort.
- Meet Work, Health and Safety (WHS) requirements, including appropriate footwear, protective clothing and safe grooming practices such as tying back or covering hair when required.

The following principles underpin the College's expectations regarding uniform and personal appearance:

- Students must wear the uniform appropriate to the specific activity or occasion.
- Hairstyles must comply with the standards outlined in the Enrolment Handbook and Student Diary.
- Jewellery is to meet the specifications detailed in the Enrolment Handbook and Student Diary.

Parents and students are expected to uphold and actively support the College's standards for uniform and personal presentation at all times, both within the College and the wider community.

Where appropriate, a Uniform Committee comprising of parents, students and staff, may be convened to review and make recommendations regarding uniform matters. This committee will report to the P&F Association, the College Board and the Principal.

The Principal retains the final authority on all matters related to uniform and personal appearance.