



## Personal Appearance

The following guidelines are meant to ensure that students do not focus on drawing unnecessary attention to themselves by their appearance. The focus within the College environment is on behaviour, work habits and attitude. The following haircut and dress code guidelines must be strictly adhered to so that students can apply themselves to being creative, outstanding or unique in other areas of personal expression and development.

### HAIR

#### BOYS

Hair must be above the collar and neatly groomed at all times. The emphasis is placed on neat and tidy presentation. Some minor variations in length will be tolerated if hair is neatly groomed at all times. No 'flashes' (razor cuts) or severe variations in hair levels are permitted (such as undercuts). **STUDENTS WILL BE SENT HOME** and asked to alter excessive hairstyles before being allowed back to the College. However we need to further clarify that:

1. **NO UNDERCUTS** are allowed. (This is where some hair is left long to sit over a much shorter area of hair).
2. Cuts which include differences in the length on sections of the hair must be moderate differences. Generally **HAIR SHOULD BE EVENLY LAYERED**. Some minor variations will be tolerated, but stark contrasts of hair length will not. Wedges should be avoided.
3. Where 'blades' are used to trim hair **NO CUT BELOW A NUMBER 3 BLADE** is acceptable OR the scalp should not be easily visible through the short section.
4. Boy's hair should be of **ONE NATURAL COLOUR**.

#### GIRLS

1. Girl's hair is to be well groomed and cut in a moderate style.
2. Shoulder length and longer hair should be tied using ribbon or ties in black, white, red, blue or House Family colours.
3. Girl's hair should be groomed as to not fall across the eyes.
4. Girl's hair should be of **ONE NATURAL COLOUR**.

It is always difficult for parents to judge what is extreme and what is not. An extremely short haircut can be as extreme as a long one. However, as a general rule **IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO LET YOUR CHILDREN GIVE THE HAIRDRESSER INSTRUCTIONS THEMSELVES**. Taking a copy of these guidelines to the hairdresser may be a good idea.

The College will ask parents to adjust students' hair styles where they do not comply with the above guidelines before allowing them to return to the College. A letter will be sent home to parents to advise of non-compliance.

Finally, if you or your child notice another student at the College with a haircut which does not comply with the above guidelines, (particularly a hard-to-remedy style) please do not presume that the matter has been ignored by the teachers or the College leaders. Penalties imposed may not be obvious to observers. Non-compliance by any particular student does not mean that the College has changed its standards.

A '**NATURAL COLOUR**' refers to a colour/rinse that is generally accepted as being a naturally occurring colour. It does not need to be the student's original hair colour.

**IN ALL CASES THE DISCRETION OF THE COLLEGE IS FINAL.**

## **JEWELLERY**

### **GIRLS**

Girls may not wear any items of jewellery to the College except:

1. One flat plain silver or gold ring with no protruding stones or sculpted sections. (Maximum band width of 5mm).
2. Two plain studs or sleepers, in each ear, provided that the studs or sleepers are worn in the lower lobe of the ear (lower quarter of the ear closest to the jaw line). 'Plain' means plain gold or silver; no stones or enamelling.
3. One wrist watch.
4. One House Family wristband.

### **BOYS**

Boys may not wear any items of jewellery except one wrist watch and a House Family wristband.

The main reasons for restricting jewellery are:

1. Safety when playing sport, or when working in the laboratory or workshops.
2. Security, since valuable items cannot be lost or stolen if they are not brought to the College.
3. Encouraging an overall neat and tidy appearance when students are in uniform.

Students wearing jewellery other than that stated may have items confiscated by staff.

## **MAKE UP**

Female students may wear only **clear** lip gloss.

**NO OTHER** make-up is permitted unless a student is given specific permission by the Head of School.