



St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe

Jewellery and Hair Policy

RATIONALE

As a support for the St Patrick's Catholic School Uniform Policy, a clearly stated and sensibly implemented policy on jewellery and hair for students at St Patrick's Catholic School is important.

AIMS

- To provide a consistent focus and a sense of direction for students.
- To provide opportunities for students to feel pride in their appearance and their school.
- To prevent excesses in fashion trends by allowing the wearing of unobtrusive jewellery and hairstyles that are neither unusual nor distracting and which do not promote competitive behaviour

PROCEDURES

- The Principal is empowered by the School Board to implement the approved Jewellery and Hair Policy and, in doing so, may grant exception to a child from aspects of this policy only after approval has been sought by the parents or carers prior to any expected change to appearance as stated in this policy and for a designated period of time.
- Parents of students who are not abiding by the expectations of this policy without reasonable cause will be sent a note stating that their child has infringed the school Hair and Jewellery Policy and that the school is expecting the parents and child to take any necessary actions to accord with the policy.
- In the case of hair colouring or style infringement, which is generally deemed a more serious infringement than other hair and jewellery infringements and, therefore, has a greater level of concern for respect by the child and family, in extreme cases, the child may return to school once his or her hair is checked by a member of the school leadership team and found to accord with this policy.

Jewellery guidelines: Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:

- A set of earrings; these being plain studs or sleepers worn in the lower ear lobes.
- A plain bangle or bracelet.
- A watch.
- A Christian symbol worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.
- A signet ring.

All jewellery is to be removed by students before playing in school sports teams and before participating in competitive physical educational activities. In general, this would not include weekly physical education classes.

Hair guidelines (parents are encouraged to contact the principal if they are not clear on this expectation prior to their child's hair cut):

- Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair longer than shoulder length is to be worn tied back as a health and safety measure. Ribbons, clips, bands and 'scrunchies' are to be of school colour, green.
- Hair colouring, including bleaching, is unacceptable
- Excessively gelled or styled hair is considered unacceptable: This includes razor cuts and designs.

Other items:

- The following miscellaneous items are unacceptable: nail polish, makeup, anklets and friendship bands.

How do we make this policy work:

When in doubt, parents and students should, in the first instance and prior to any hair styling, should first seek the advice of the school Principal, who is empowered by the School Board to implement the approved Jewellery and Hair Policy. Sensible adherence to this policy is the responsibility of everyone in the school community. Parents, guardians, carers, staff and students themselves all have a role to play in making it work. This policy is to be promoted regularly via school Newsletters and available electronically via the school website and in hard copy from the school office.

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