POLICY STATEMENT

WEARING THE COLLEGE UNIFORM

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Due for Review: 2020

RATIONALE

This uniform policy establishes guidelines regarding the wearing of the College uniform that are relevant to our College and also to:

1.1 assist with the provision of a safe school environment
1.2 assist with the identification of students within the College
1.3 enhance the appearance of the students
1.4 have items of clothing that are of the same appearance, style and quality
1.5 encourage a greater sense of equality despite the diverse socio-economic backgrounds of our families
1.6 outline the consequences that occur when a student is not adhering to these guidelines.

The College uniform is the outward sign of membership of the Nagle Catholic College family. All of our students have the right to wear this uniform, and to benefit from the good reputation which the College enjoys in the local community. Each of our students also has the corresponding responsibility to wear the uniform correctly and neatly and to behave in such a way that the community’s respect for the College is enhanced.

One of our tasks as an educational institution is to encourage our students to have a healthy and wholesome self-respect. An important way of doing this is to foster in all Nagle Catholic College students a real pride in the way they wear the uniform which represents their membership of the College as well as making a statement about their own pride in themselves.

EXPECTATIONS

2.1 Students are expected to be well groomed at all times, and to show their respect and pride in their school by wearing the uniform correctly.
2.2 The uniform is to be clean, neatly pressed and worn in its entirety at all times. Shoes are to be polished.
2.3 An explanatory note from a parent, given to either a House Leader of Director of Students, is required if full school uniform is unable to be worn at any time.
**SANCTIONS**

Consequences for not adhering to the following guidelines include:

3.1 Uniform infringement issued by the classroom teacher using the uniform tab in SEQTA
3.2 House Leader to action and approve the infringement
3.3 Email generated through SEQTA that is sent home to parents
3.4 Three uniform infringements in a term results in an after school detention.

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<td>• Blouses, skirts and culottes must be ironed</td>
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Students are encouraged to reflect their pride in the College through their personal attire. The Hair Regulations are based on the principle that hair should be healthy, neat and well groomed. Further, the regulations are designed to allow students some discretion in their choice of hairstyle within these parameters. Extenuating circumstances and cultural norms will be considered on an individual basis.

Where any doubt or confusion exists regarding the interpretation of these regulations, clarity will be provided by the relevant Director of Students to ensure a consistent application of standards throughout the College. Students are encouraged to seek advice if they are not sure.

Hair must be:
- Clean and washed on a regular basis (at least weekly)
- Well groomed, combed or brushed regularly (at least twice per day)
- Kept off the face and not cover the eyes (able to be maintained in a variety of environments)
- A single, natural hair colour
- Of a minimum number 2 blade length
- Tied back if collar length or longer (ponytail)

Hair must not be:
- Radical in style (emphasised contrasting of length, colour, shaving or other style)
- Unruly or unkempt (thick, difficult to manage hair may require additional attention)

Hair neatness must be maintained by the student throughout all stages of hair growth. There is no allowance for hair that is at an ‘in-between’ stage.

Hair accessories may be worn but must be black, gold, white or bottle green, discreet, not flamboyant, garish or attention grabbing.

**SANCTIONS**
- Students who do not meet the regulations will be notified with a uniform infringement and are required to adjust their hair and grooming to the College’s expectations within 5 days.
- Students who continue to NOT comply with the College’s expectations will receive a phone call home by the appropriate Director of Students requesting that student stay at home at the Principal’s request, until the hair has been rectified in line with the College’s Hair Regulations.
- Should the parents be unable to pick up the student from school on that particular day, the student will be withdrawn from class.