



Emmaus Catholic College

Grooming Policy 061217

The wearing of the College uniform by all students and the maintenance of a high standard around dress and grooming are clear expectations at Emmaus Catholic College. Effectively it is our belief that **the wearing of the correct school uniform(s) and proper grooming standards are a reflection of student pride in their College.** It has been said before, that high standards reinforce a strong and positive school culture around learning, profile and reputation in the wider community, which in our case has been established here for the last thirty years. This profile and reputation that our College enjoys, in the main indicates the fact that students are privileged to be part of the Emmaus community. Students therefore are actively encouraged to wear the designated uniform and to take pride in their identity as members of this outstanding Co-education Secondary College.

Some students attempt to interpret the designated uniform and grooming policy in their own way and the result of this is inconsistent standards, which, in turn, draws negative comments from parents, teachers and the wider community. ***Acceptable school grooming and dress is not to be a matter of individual interpretation or choice on the part of the student.***

In the way of a reminder students and their families choose to be part of the Emmaus Catholic College community and this carries with it significant expectations and responsibilities. This includes abiding by the uniform and grooming policy and the code of expectations that are endorsed by the school enrolment policy. **It is a very clear expectation that students accepted for enrolment at Emmaus Catholic College will wear the designated uniform correctly and meet all grooming standards at all times,** to avoid consequences and unpleasant interviews/conversations. Should you have any concerns regarding this policy and its implementation as outlined, it is important that you approach the school and discuss your concerns before it becomes an issue for your son or daughter. Your support in achieving these high standards for the benefit of all students is appreciated. Parents/carers are asked to note these requirements below and to ensure that their sons and daughters conform and take pride in the detail of their presentation.

ALL YEARS-GROOMING STANDARDS/EXPECTATIONS YEAR 7-12

HAIR / GROOMING

- Hairstyles for both male and females must be conventional, uniform in length, tidy and conservative in nature. Hair must be of a natural colour and be off the face. No extremes of fashion, colour or cut are permitted. Male cuts should be no shorter than a No. 2 grade all-round.
- Male hair must not exceed the collar in length at the back or below eye level at the front. Males CANNOT have their hair tied in a bun or similar manner. Gel/wax must NOT be excessive.
- Students are not to have shaved lines in their hair or eyebrows

- Males in all year groups are to be clean-shaven. A medical certificate will be required if a student is unable to shave regularly
- No nail polish or fake/long nails to be worn.
- All girls to have hair tied back, with scrunchies, ribbons or elastics. (Scrunchies, ribbons, pins, clips must be navy blue OR navy blue and white purchased from the Uniform Shop).

Students with an incorrect hairstyle will be given a warning letter to have the hairstyle rectified by that day or by the next day at the latest. If the student returns without having the hairstyle fixed they will receive a second letter indicating that they will not return to the College until the hairstyle meets expectations.

BODY ART (TATTOOS)

- No body art is allowed at any time.

JEWELLERY

Piercing

- 1 pair of earrings: One stud or standard sleeper (plain silver, gold or consistent colour, pearls) adhering to present guidelines may be worn in each earlobe, for ***female students only***.
- Other piercings: No visible body piercings are to be evident. Tongue and nose rings/studs are strictly prohibited.

Keeping a hole open will not be accepted as an excuse. This means that 'clear' studs/ spacers are NOT to be worn as they are visible.

A medical certificate will be required if a piercing cannot be removed immediately. No band-aids are to be used to cover piercings

OTHER JEWELLERY

- Simple/discreet gold or silver chain around the neck with an appropriate religious symbol may be worn.
- Chains should not be visible in winter
- A maximum of TWO [2] plain ring, wristwatch and gold, silver or religious bracelet may be worn.

REMOVAL OF JEWELLERY

- For WHS reasons, all jewellery should be removed for sport or practical subjects.

VARIATIONS FOR SENIOR FEMALE STUDENTS

- Hair- half up & half down... off the face, tidy style
- Light make up- foundation/concealer- There is to be no discernable make-up line
- A light application of mascara, a clear lip gloss
- Clear nail polish acceptable

The following are unacceptable:

- Males having unshaved faces
- Eyebrow, lip or facial piercings
- False nails [WHS guidelines]
- Colour nail polish
- Leather or string necklaces
- Necklaces with pendants other than religious symbol
- Dangling earrings or studs with patterns/shapes
- Bronzer, blush, eyeliner, lipstick, heavy eyebrows/eye-shadow
- ***Boys tying their hair up***