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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

### **Uniform and Grooming**

At Santa Sophia, we take pride in our College uniform and the school is often complimented on the appearance of our students. Our students are important ambassadors of the College and are expected to wear the uniform correctly at school and in the wider community.

As we prepare to return to school for the commencement of Term 2, we would like to clarify a few points on the school uniform and grooming policy. As a growing school with many new members in our community, we are establishing expectations to ensure that our uniform is worn consistently and appropriately and that students can represent our school with pride.

#### **Some key general points:**

- Term 2 and Term 3 require students to be in full winter uniform.
- A grace period where students may wear either summer or winter for the first 2 weeks of school is permitted.
- Due to school photos for secondary students being on Friday 6 May (Term 2, Week 2), **all students in Years 7 - 11 will be required to wear full winter uniform from Friday 6 May.**
- **All other students in the College must be in full winter uniform by Monday 9 May.**
- The formal Year 5 - 11 blazers must be worn as part of the winter uniform to and from school - students may opt to wear school cardigans/jumpers underneath their blazers but cannot be worn instead of a blazer when travelling to and from school.

#### **Hair:**

- Hair past shoulder length on girls and boys **MUST** be tied back.
- All hairstyles must be off the face (tied back) and neatly presented.
- Hair should be of consistent tone and one natural colour.
- Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable (e.g. shaved designs and lines).

#### **Jewellery:**

- Only one pair of small earrings can be worn. Two earrings on one earlobe is not permitted.
- A pair of simple studs or sleepers are accepted. No large or dangly earrings are permitted.
- A simple necklace with a religious emblem is allowed to be worn under the shirt/blouse.
- Bracelets and rings are not permitted.
- Nose rings or other facial piercings are not permitted (clear jewellery is also not permitted).

**Shoes:**

- Black school shoes must be leather, lace up shoes (not sport shoes) due to WHS requirements
- Students in the School of Curiosity (K-4) may wear velcro or buckles on school shoes rather than laces
- Sports shoes that are worn with the sports uniform must not be made of canvas (e.g. Vans or Converse are not permitted) due to WHS requirements

**Jackets:**

- Sports jackets are not to be worn with summer or winter uniforms but rather can only be worn with sports uniform.
- Non-school uniform items such as jumpers/hoodies/jackets/hats are not to be worn at any time with the school uniform.
- Any undergarments for warmth must not be visible.

**Skirts/Dresses/Shorts:**

- Skirts/dresses for girls must have the bottom of the hem touching the knees.
- Skirts and shorts are not to be rolled up at the waist to shorten the length.
- Sports shorts must not be overly tight and should be appropriately sized.

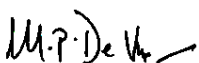
Given we are providing these clarifications, at the beginning of Term 2, we will allow a grace period of 2 weeks to allow families time to adjust as needed and expect full compliance by the end of Week 2 (Friday 6 May). Please refer to the student diary (Years 5-11) or the College website for the full uniform and grooming policy.

A breach of the uniform and grooming policy that can be corrected immediately (e.g. removal of incorrect jewellery, jumper) will result in the student being sent to the front office to hand in the item and the student will receive a receipt to then collect it at the end of the school day. Parents will be advised by automatic email.

If a uniform/grooming breach is unable to be rectified immediately (e.g. inappropriate hair style), a discussion with the student will be had, and if the breach continues, the class teacher (for students in K-4) or Wellbeing Leader (for students in Yrs 5-11) will contact parents/carers directly to advise of agreed expectations and practices to ensure that the issue is rectified.

I urge all families to work with us to ensure that we maintain high standards for our school in all aspects of school life so we can continue to cultivate a very positive image within the local community and beyond.

Kind regards,



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College Principal