

## Southern Cross Catholic College

# UNIFORM POLICY

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### Introduction

At Southern Cross Catholic College, we are called to promote the positive image of our college and to contribute to the sense of well-being among our students and the college culture.

### Rationale

A uniform policy provides consistent and clear expectations for uniform and appearance appropriate to the college settings. Wearing the uniform with pride enhances the college culture and contributes to the sense of well-being amongst students.

Our college uniform provides easy identification of Southern Cross Catholic College students within the college and also the wider community. Our college uniform eliminates peer pressure on students when selecting what to wear each day.

### Principles, Values and Underpinnings

- College identity
- Respect
- Dignity
- Rights
- Responsibilities
- Social Justice
- Community
- Pride
- Self Esteem
- Equity

### Policy Statement

Wearing the correct college uniform and maintaining an acceptable standard of personal appearance are personal disciplines that the college community believes are worthwhile.

As a community we promote a sense of belonging through our college uniform. Students are encouraged to develop important life-skills through consideration of issues related to personal appearance including grooming, personal hygiene, health and safety issues.

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Students of Southern Cross Catholic College are expected to wear the college uniform as prescribed in the College diary and College website. Students have a responsibility to be positive role models within the college and in representing the college in the wider community. Personal appearance is to be neat and tidy and considered in accordance with reasonable standards appropriate to our college setting.

When necessary, a uniform sub-committee of the P&F made up of parents, students and staff representatives reports to the P&F Association and the Principal. The final decision on acceptable dress and appearance is that of the Principal.

### **Implementation**

The College uniform will be designed to:

- be affordable to the families in our College;
- meet SunSmart Policy requirements;
- cater for the wide range of activities in which students are expected to participate;
- allow students to feel comfortable in the North Queensland climate;
- cater appropriately for the changing physical development of students in a P-12 college;
- meet Work Health & Safety Policy requirements for example, correct footwear for particular activities, protective clothing as prescribed and hair tied back/covered etc.

Wearing the College uniform is compulsory and reflected through:

- parents and families supporting the values of the College by ensuring their child/children's uniform is kept in a presentable condition and worn with pride in any location or setting;
- students wearing the correct uniform for the activities in their timetable;
- students wearing their uniform correctly and with pride in any location or setting;
- College staff administering processes that respond to and resolve uniform infringements.

Exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of the Principal.

### **Appendices**

Handbook uniform description

Uniform infringement letters

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