



Uniform & Grooming Policy

CONTEXT STATEMENT

At Samaritan College there is an expectation that uniform, grooming and general appearance are important and worthwhile pursuits,

UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS, PHILOSOPHY & RATIONALE

We at Samaritan College acknowledge:

- The correct wearing of uniform and good grooming are significant aspects of belonging to the College community and in developing a sense of pride in the College;
- Uniform and grooming can help address issues of social justice and equity for all families;
- Uniform must be affordable and accessible i.e. Uniform Shop is a service to families
- Developing skills in personal grooming and presentation can help students assimilate well into society.
- Uniform still must be functional and contemporary

PURPOSES / AIMS

Through the application of this policy, Samaritan College will:

- Assist in maintaining neatness, cleanliness, safety and uniformity for students;
- Assist in maintaining high standards of students' presentation within and beyond the College;
- Attempt to ensure students wear the uniform with pride and thus create a sense of College identity.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURE

In support of this policy Samaritan College will:

- Provide clear guidelines on uniform and grooming, including the wearing of jewellery and acceptable hair cuts and styles;
- Ensure the guidelines are accessible by staff, parents and students, through the school diary, website, newsletter and social media and;
- Provide reasonable access to information, service and stock through the provision of a dedicated uniform outlet.
- Maintain the Uniform Committee with school and parent representation.

The Principal will:

- Be responsible for the overall implementation of uniform and grooming guidelines and procedures;
- Make appropriate provisions, as required, for all students to access the College uniform;
- Ensure the guidelines are regularly reviewed;
- Authorise events and activities where an alternative to the uniform is more appropriate. Dress and expectations about alternative wear are identified/articulated i.e. coloured clothes days

The Staff will:

- Ensure they understand the College policy of uniform and grooming;
- Ensure students are following the current guidelines;
- Report to parents / caregivers on repeated or serious breaches of College policy;
- Take consistent and fair measures to help students follow the guidelines, in keeping with the College's Respectful Relationships Policy and guidelines.

The Students will:

- Be responsible for following guidelines on uniform and grooming;
- Be aware of consequences of non-compliance to the uniform and grooming guidelines.

The Parents/Caregivers will:

- Undertake to support the College policy by ensuring their child is following the age appropriate guidelines;
- Provide input into the College’s guidelines on uniform and grooming as required.

The College Board will:

- Participate in the development, implementation and review of this policy.

The Uniform Committee will:

- Provide updates to the College and its community for potential changes to the uniform and grooming procedures
- Seek regular feedback for uniform/grooming suggestion (every 2 years or so)
- Respond to ongoing feedback or trends that become the norm
- Continually check/audit the prices and functionality of the uniform
- Check on stock and ordering issues for the Uniform Shop

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Samaritan College Online Staff Handbook
- Samaritan College Student Diary
- Samaritan college Primary/Secondary Uniform Procedures and Expectations (on website)
- Samaritan College Website – www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au

ADMINISTRATION

This policy will be reviewed triennially by the College, unless otherwise required.

Signed: _____ **Principal**
_____ **Chair of College Board**

Date Aug 4, 2022 Ratified and Implemented

Review Date: June 2025