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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope the Easter break has been relaxing and enjoyable for your families. As students prepare for Term Two, I want to remind them of some College expectations with their hair and uniform. This is especially pertinent with our 70th Anniversary Mass on Thursday – a very important occasion for the College. As always, your support is greatly appreciated in ensuring all boys adhere to the St Edward's Uniform and Grooming Policy.

A quick summary is as follows:

- Hair is to be clean and neatly cut, off the collar, and of their natural colour. Extreme styles are not acceptable. Styles are expected to be reasonably conservative and guided by common sense. Examples of unacceptable styles include what are known as 'modern mullets', 'undercuts', 'layers', 'skin-fades', 'steps' and 'lines'. Unacceptable styles include any marked contrasts of length, while student's hair must also not be cut shorter than a 'No 2'. Ultimately the College Executive will determine if a cut is acceptable for the appropriate image that the College wishes to present to the community.
- Winter uniform (Terms Two and Three) includes the College tie and blazer for all students. Boys must wear the blazer to and from school and keep their shirts tucked in. College tracksuit tops and hoodies are not to be worn with the formal school uniform.
- Students should be clean shaven. A reminder also that studs in piercings are not acceptable, nor are placing band-aids over piercings.
- On Fridays, proper sports shoes must be worn. Canvas or skate shoes (such as Vans or Converse) are not acceptable.

As I communicated at the start of the year, this policy is designed to present a positive image of the College to the wider community. The uniform and personal grooming should foster a sense of belonging and pride, and the way it is worn in public displays a level of support and respect for the College. Action will follow against those boys who are not complying with College expectations, especially to do with hair. If there is any doubt in the student's minds concerning style of cut, they should consult the College before they have their hair cut. We look for your continued support to ensure that your son upholds this policy, which can be accessed on the St Edward's College website using this link: <https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au>

In appreciation

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