



PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND PERSONAL ITEMS POLICY

At St John the Baptist, we take pride in our school and our students. One way this is reflected is in the way our students present.

At all times personal grooming is to be given a high priority.

Personal Appearance

Girls:

As students of St John the Baptist Catholic School Woy Woy it is expected that all girls must adhere to the following code of appearance:

- All hair is to be natural colour only; no artificially coloured, streaked or dyed hair is allowed.
- Hair should not obscure the face and, if over collar length, should be neat and tidy with long hair tied back at all times.
- Only dark blue head bands and scrunchies are to be worn. Also school uniform material scrunchies can be worn.
- Ties, clips and elastics for hair are to be hair colour or dark blue.
- Any earrings worn are to be simple small studs or small sleeper variety (one pair only)
- No other jewellery is to be worn other than a watch or Catholic image such as a crucifix necklace.
- No makeup is to be worn including no nail polish.
- No tattoos

Boys:

As students of St John the Baptist Catholic School Woy Woy it is expected that all boys must adhere to the following code of appearance:

- All hair is to be natural colour only; no artificially coloured, streaked or dyed hair is allowed.
- Hair should not obscure the face and, if over collar length should be neat and tidy with long hair tied back at all times.
- No rat's tails, mohawks, undercuts, steps, extremely short hair (less than a number 2) are allowed.
- No jewellery is to be worn other than a watch. This means that earrings are not allowed nor are rings, bracelets, necklaces (other than Catholic images, such as a crucifix).
- No tattoos

When the Code of Appearance is breached, students will be asked to remedy the situation. For example, students will be asked to remove unsuitable jewellery immediately, or if they require parental assistance, prior to their return to school the following day. In respect to hair that is unsuitable in style or colour, parents will be contacted and asked to remedy the situation as soon as practicable. For example, it would be expected that students remedy the situation before a return to school after the following weekend. In cases of continuing breach, students will be asked to remain out of school until remedial action is taken.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Students are not to bring to school personal items that may be damaged, lost or broken. This would include but is not limited to expensive items, MP3 players, ipads, portable electronic games and gadgetry. An exception is an item brought for 'show and tell'. In such cases, the item should be delivered to the class teacher on arrival to the classroom. After the presentation the item will be retained by the teacher and returned to the student at the end of the day. Neither the school nor individual staff members will take responsibility for any loss or damage to items left with them.

MOBILE PHONES

Should a parent need to contact a student during the day to leave a message regarding, for example, pick up arrangements, this should be done via the school office. Staff will ensure the message is passed on to the classroom teacher. As this procedure is in place we believe that it is not necessary for students to bring a mobile phone to school and it is recommended that mobile phones be left at home. However, the school acknowledges that some students, because of travel arrangements and the like may need to occasionally bring a mobile phone to school to access any parental messages after the conclusion of the school day. If that occurs, the phone is to be turned off and must remain in the student's bag throughout the day. If a student brings a mobile phone to school and uses it through the day, the phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Neither the school nor individual staff members will take responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone belonging to a student.