



## **ST PATRICK'S CBC HIGH SCHOOL HAIR POLICY**

The emphasis for boys and girls is on neatness and on natural styles. Hair styles must be uniform appropriate – where there is uncertainty the Deputy Head of High School will make the final decision in consultation with teachers-in-charge of hair.

Pupils must have regulation haircuts BEFORE they return to School. Girls' hairstyles must be according to School guidelines BEFORE they return to School.

Trending hair styles which comply with this policy are allowed only after approval from the teachers-in-charge and the Deputy Head of High School.

### **BOYS**

#### **NOT ALLOWED**

- ✓ Facial hair is prohibited at all times.
- ✓ Boys are expected to be clean shaven unless a doctor's note is provided, but effort should be made by the pupils to get medication that allows them to comply with the above point.
- ✓ Side-burns should be up to mid-ear.
- ✓ No colouring, highlighting nor dying of hair is allowed.
- ✓ No hair extensions nor additions are allowed in boys' hair
- ✓ Hair accessories, ponytails, beads, metals, plastics and any similar materials are not allowed.
- ✓ No perming is allowed.
- ✓ No patterns, lines nor wording are allowed in boys' hair.
- ✓ Hair should not be inappropriately long.

#### **ALLOWED**

- ✓ Moderate gelling is allowed as approved by the teacher-in-charge.
- ✓ A step without a definite line is allowed. The difference between top and sides must only be one level.
- ✓ The top part should be of appropriate length and the bottom part of the step should not be bald.
- ✓ Hairline shaping should be neat and appropriate.
- ✓ Afros are allowed but should be neat, moderate and not distracting when sitting in front of others.
- ✓ The hair should be well-groomed, tidy and neat at all times.

## **GIRLS**

- ✓ Girls' may wear hair extensions which must be the same colour as their natural hair colour. These extensions may be attached to their hair or as cornrows. If the extensions are the incorrect colour, the pupil will be requested to remove these extensions.
- ✓ If girls' hair is shoulder length or longer it must be tied to the back (in a ponytail) No loose hair must be on their faces.
- ✓ A fringe cannot be longer than the forehead, if it is; then it must be tied away from the face.
- ✓ Black/navy blue are the only hair accessories that are allowed to tie girls' hair.

## **MATRIC PRIVILEGES**

- ✓ Please note that all the above rules apply to matrics but they have some further privileges as stated below;

Matric boys are allowed to plait their hair with the following provisos;

- The plaiting should end at the hair line
  - Plaiting should not form patterns but should be straight
  - Plaiting should not have extensions
  - Should be of the same colour as natural hair
- ✓ Any other suggested privileges are to be negotiated with the teacher-in charge and the Deputy Head of High School before wearing them. Failure to do so will be regarded as disrespecting/undermining authorities which may be seen as a serious offense. If it happens that they wear the hair style before negotiation then it will not be allowed and no negotiations will be entertained.

Matric girls are allowed to have weaves with the following provisos:

- ✓ They should be the same colour as the natural hair.
- ✓ If the weave does not cover a part of the natural hair, then the natural hair should blend in with the weave to make the hair look neat and natural.
- ✓ The length of the weave must be manageable.
- ✓ Should be neatly tied at all times.
- ✓ There should be no hair hanging in the face.
- ✓ The weave must be maintained properly at all times. It must be renewed if it begins to look old and untidy.
- ✓ Matric girls are allowed to wear white hair bands.

## **GUIDELINES FOR CORRECTING UNACCEPTABLE HAIR STYLE**

- ✓ Any suspected infringement or outright infringement of the above should be referred to the teachers-in-charge of Hair.
- ✓ If there is a definite infringement of facial hair and or hair style the pupil is given 24 hrs to correct it and break-detention + a demerit is issued immediately.
- ✓ If after 24 hrs the infringement is not fixed the pupil is given a letter for the parents to sign and the teacher-in-charge also calls the parent. The pupil is given another 24 hours. Three demerits are issued at this stage.
- ✓ If the infringement is still in contravention of this policy, the issue is referred to the Deputy Head.
- ✓ The Deputy Head will call the parent(s) to discuss the issue.
- ✓ Depending on the outcome of this discussion, the issue will be referred to the Executive Head for a possible disciplinary hearing