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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you about some changes to our procedures for dealing with students attending school with haircuts which do not comply with the St Edward's College Uniform and Grooming Policy. 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.

Beginning this week, any student with a haircut which breaches the policy will be withdrawn from the playground, and from attending Friday afternoon activities outside the school, until the haircut is modified. Students will be required to go to Room 23 at recess and lunch and will spend Friday afternoon being supervised in Pastoral Care. Your son's Pastoral Leader will contact you via email to notify you that a change in hairstyle is required.

Any student who does not attend Room 23 at recess or lunch will be issued a Thursday afternoon detention. Should the haircut not be suitably modified within seven days, a Thursday afterschool detention will be issued, and you will be contacted by telephone.

The Uniform and Grooming Policy can be accessed on the St Edward's College website using this link <https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/>

*Boys are expected to keep their hair well-groomed. Hair is to be clean and neatly cut, off the collar, 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 'undercuts', 'layers', 'steps' and 'lines'. Unacceptable styles also include any marked contrasts of length, for example, mullets, bowl cuts, rat's tails, Mohawk style cuts or shape, long fringes, excessive gel. Students' hair must also not be cut shorter than a 'No 2'. This list is not exhaustive.*

*Ultimately the College Executive will determine if a cut is acceptable for the appropriate image that the College wishes to present to the community. Action will follow against those boys who are not complying with College rules and no correspondence will be entered into. 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. The judgement of the Deputy Principal and the Director of Pastoral Care is final.*

We believe that a consistently maintained Uniform and Grooming Policy instils a sense of pride in our students and contributes to our efforts to create an inclusive community. We look for your continued support to ensure that your son upholds this policy.

Kind Regards

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Director of Pastoral Care