Student Presentation Policy

CONTEXT:

Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview is a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition. It boasts a proud tradition, which requires all members of the school community to present themselves in a way that reflects the values and standards of the school. Necessarily, uniform places restriction on personal choice and requires consistency in presentation of all students.

PRINCIPLES:

Uniform and student presentation at Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview will:

- be in accord with the rich history of the Jesuit order;
- reflect those symbols and traditions that are consistent with Jesuit heritage;
- be of a standard that brings pride and credit upon the school;
- be congruent with the high regard with which the school is held in the broader community;
- avoid extreme trends and fashions, particularly with regard to hair, personal appearance and deportment.

At all times, students are ambassadors of the school and are expected to wear the uniform in a way that presents a positive face of Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview.

As an over-arching principle, the cost of uniforms will be kept as low as possible to ensure that all families can afford official school attire.

PROCEDURES:

- Students are to wear the designated summer, winter and sports uniforms on all occasions when the school is being officially represented.
- The Licona uniform shop will ensure that adequate stocks of uniforms are available for students in advance of the time that they are to be worn.
- Periodic review of uniforms will be undertaken to ensure that they adequately reflect the values and characteristics of the school.
- Changes to uniforms will be undertaken only through recommendation of the School Executive and approval of the College Council.
- Where students are in violation of the uniform policy, appropriate consequences will be incurred.
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

Wearing the college uniform is a requirement of all students attending Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview. The following standards apply:

1) The school uniform is to be worn in its complete and approved form:
   (a) When the students are travelling to and from school.
   (b) To each class.
   (c) To all official school functions.
   (d) As directed by the Principal or Executive staff.

2) The correct wearing of the school uniform is a prerequisite for attending classes.

3) Only the Principal, Executive Team members and Heads of House may sanction any departure from these requirements.

4) The summer uniform is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4; the winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3.

5) Hair: Hair styles for boys should be tidy and not grown or groomed in an extreme or exaggerated fashion. Hair should be evenly cut, a natural colour, worn off the face and should not obstruct sight. Hair must be at least a “number 3” cut. Dreadlocks are not permitted.

6) Clean Shaven: It is the expectation of the College that all students will be clean shaven and will have side-burns no longer than the middle of the ear.

7) The only approved bag, which students may use, is the official Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview bag or backpack. This must be maintained free of graffiti and other slogans.

8) Casual Clothes: There will be some occasions when students will be permitted to wear casual clothing. Students should choose clothing items that reflect the ethos of the College.

   The following guidelines will apply:

   • clothing should be neat, clean and free of graffiti, not damaged and with no offensive slogans
   • thongs and bare feet are not permitted;
   • tank tops and singlets are not permitted.

9) Year 12 Jersey: This is an OPTIONAL item in terms of purchase; it should not be worn at any time during the school day and is not considered part of the official uniform.
10) Jewelry and body piercing is not permitted with school uniform. The only exception relates to watches.

11) Visible tattoos are not permitted with the school uniform and must not be visible with the PDHPE or sports uniform. Any exposed tattoos must be covered with a bandage or similar.

12) New and second-hand uniform items (except shoes) can only be purchased from the Licona Uniform Shop.

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