POLICY STATEMENT
GROOMING AND PRESENTATION

1.0 Introduction

1.1 These guidelines have been established by the Hillbrook Community to assist students to make appropriate decisions about their presentation and grooming, to enhance the personal dignity of the student and to promote the identity of the school in the wider community.

1.2 This policy attempts to balance the individual rights of students with their responsibility as ambassadors of the school.

1.3 Whilst equity is an important principle in this policy, it is acknowledged that there will be occasions when different expectations will apply between boys and girls.

2.0 Personal Hygiene

Students are expected to take responsibility at all times for their own cleanliness. This shows respect for ourselves and for other members of our community.

3.0 School Uniform

3.1 The foundation students of the school were involved in the selection of styles of the uniform and through the SRC students have continued to be involved in changes, modifications and updates.

3.2 No other clothing should be substituted for school uniform, which is to be worn appropriately whilst at school and travelling to and from school.

3.3 Black leather lace-up school shoes - not joggers or other varieties - are the required footwear, and should be cleaned and polished regularly; for boys a black leather belt and grey socks, for girls black full length stockings or white turned down socks.

3.4 It is our expectation that students will wear their uniforms neatly, cleanly and with pride.

4.0 Sports Uniform

4.1 The correct sports uniform must be worn during Physical Recreation.

4.2 Students are required to change into their sports uniforms during the break immediately prior to the PR lesson, and change out of their sports uniform during the break immediately following the PR lesson.
4.3 School sports hats or caps are to be worn during outdoor physical recreation lessons.

5.0 Hair

5.1 Hair should be of one natural-looking colour, worn in a neat conventional style. Girls with long hair need to tie it back fully.

5.2 Red, white or blue ribbons are acceptable, not other colours. There should be no extremes of hair style or presentation.

5.3 Boys should ensure that their hair is cut in a way that is out of their eyes and above their collar.

5.4 For boys, facial hair is not acceptable with school uniform.

6.0 Jewellery

6.1 Minimal tasteful, conservative jewellery is acceptable with the school uniform.

6.2 School guidelines on what is appropriate: a tasteful ring; a light metal neck and/or wrist chain; a watch; and for girls, one pair of matching sleepers or stud earrings worn in the lobes of the ears.

6.3 It is not acceptable for boys to wear earrings with school uniform.

6.4 Body piercing is discouraged by the school, and jewellery retainers or spacers are not acceptable in any visible piercing.

7.0 Make-Up

7.1 Make-up is not acceptable with the school uniform.

8.0 Non-Uniform School Occasions

8.1 Students are required to dress appropriately for the occasion and are expected to do so with the responsibility of being ambassadors for the school. On these occasions it is important that students present themselves in a manner that is neat, tasteful and meets safety requirements.

8.2 Extremes of style and fashion are not acceptable.

8.3 It is not possible to set out presentation and grooming rules in a way that is 'black and white': there is always the need for interpretation about taste, safety and appropriateness of fashion trends, and the school authorities will need to make judgements about this from time to time.
8.4 We are confident that our students will take pride in being members of the Hillbrook community, and will choose to present themselves well.