

St Ambrose College

Hair Policy



Students are expected to come to school with clean and neat hair each day.

- Hair must be natural in style and in colour
- Lines shaven into the hair/eyebrows are not permitted
- Patterns shaven into the hair/eyebrows are not permitted
- Hairstyles which are egregious are not permitted
- Hair must be shorter than collar length and be styled so that eyebrows and face are not obscured by hair
- Students are permitted to wear hair accessories to ensure that hair is kept off the collar e.g. pony tail or hair band (top knots are not permitted). When wearing such accessories, the accessory itself must be simple in style and the colour must match the hair
- Pupils are permitted to have a 'fade', starting at number 2 and ending at no less than a 1.5. The nape of the neck and sides must clearly have visible hair
- Other than for the fade above, no hair should be cut lower than a 2 and other egregious combinations of lengths of hair are not permitted (e.g. a combination of shaven and long hair)
- The face must be clean-shaven with the exception of students who wear beards for reasons prescribed by their religion.
- Any styles/cuts which distract either the student themselves or other students during lessons are not permitted

The College recognises that hair type is intrinsic and natural hair can be diverse. To ensure students have confidence and pride in their natural-born hair and cultural differences, consideration for student's heritage will be recognised.

The college leadership team will be mindful of styles originating from different ethnic backgrounds when deciding on whether styles/cuts are egregious or not. The college leadership team will also be mindful of any mental health diagnoses when assessing the suitability of the chosen haircut.

Parents are strongly advised to seek advice on the acceptability of hairstyles that may be considered egregious or against policy before allowing their son to adopt such a style. School reserves the right to insist on re-styling if it considers the style inappropriate and also retains the right to determine what is or isn't egregious.