



# ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

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## HAIR POLICY

At St Peter's we feel that each child should define themselves by their words and actions and not by their outward appearance or adherence to fashion trends. All policies are aligned to our overriding values, to encourage our girls to be: respectful, responsible, resilient, compassionate, collaborative and honourable. This policy, therefore, promotes a philosophy of self-respect, dignity and personal hygiene with a conscious understanding of cultural and genetic predispositions.

The following regulations have been reviewed by the Girls School Management Team, it was sent to all parents for comment and input and it was finally reviewed by the school's Transformation sub-committee:

1. A high standard of personal grooming is expected of all St Peter's Girls Prep girls. Girls are expected to keep their hair neat at all times when in school uniform.
2. Hair should be tied using regulation hair accessories, namely: navy or black Alice band; navy or checked scrunchies; black, navy or silver clips; or navy or black elastics and beads. Only standard round beads are permitted.



3. Accessories may only ever be functional. Decorative accessories are prohibited.
4. The overall appearance of hair must be natural.
5. Braids, cornrows and dreadlocks are allowed. Braids should be uniform.



6. Dyed, highlighted or coloured hair is prohibited.
7. Faddish or eccentric hairstyles that draw undue attention to the girls are not allowed.
8. Hair should be secured neatly and cover the entire head. No section of the head should be shaved.
9. Hair should be tied back if it touches the shoulders. It must be kept away from the face and should not obstruct vision. This may be done, using braids, cornrows, dreadlocks or regulation hair accessories.



10. Wigs and weaves are only permitted for medically sanctioned conditions, e.g. Alopecia. A doctor's letter may be required as motivation.
11. Straightening of hair is permitted using relevant products, following afore-mentioned rules.

It has also been decided to set up an interim sub-committee (comprising a diverse group of parents and teachers) to adjudicate on any hairstyles that contravene the regulations stated above. School management will make the final decision.

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