RATIONALE
As a support for the uniform policy, a clearly stated and sensibly implemented policy on jewellery and hair for students at St Joseph’s Catholic School is important.

AIMS
• To provide a consistent focus and a sense of direction for students.
• To provide opportunities for students to feel pride in their appearance and their school.
• To prevent excesses in fashion trends by allowing the wearing of unobtrusive jewellery and hairstyles that are neither unusual nor distractive and which do not promote competitive behaviour.

PROCEDURES
Jewellery guidelines: Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:
• A set of earrings; these being plain studs worn in the lower ear lobes.
• A plain bangle or bracelet.
• A watch.
• A Christian symbol worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.
• A signet ring.
All jewellery is to be removed by students before playing in school sports teams and before participating in competitive physical educational activities. In general, this would not include weekly physical education classes.

Hair guidelines:
• Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
• Hair of shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied back as a health and safety measure. Ribbons, clips, bands and ‘scrunchies’ are to be of school colour, maroon.
• Excessively unnatural colouring or hairstyles are unacceptable.

Other items:
• The following miscellaneous items are unacceptable: nail polish, makeup, anklets and friendship bands.

How do we make this policy work:
Sensible adherence to this policy is the responsibility of everyone in the school community. Parents, guardians, carers, staff and students themselves all have a role to play in making it work.

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