

**POLICY 5.15
Uniform and
Appearance**

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Next Review Due	2024

RATIONALE:

Wearing the Aquinas College uniform reflects the pride our students have in our College, and identifies Aquinas College students in our community. Having a uniform promotes a sense of belonging and establishes a standard of dress to be worn at school. The uniform provides students some scope for individual choice and enables them to be active, comfortable and ready to learn.

GUIDELINES:

- The uniform and appearance requirements are approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Minor adjustments to appearance guidelines (Appendix 1) can be made at the discretion of the Principal.
- The uniform and appearance requirements apply to all events when representing Aquinas College, unless directed otherwise.
- Sports uniforms for teams representing Aquinas College are approved by the Principal in consultation with the various sporting codes representatives.
- Community consultation regarding uniform changes is held as the need arises.

PROCEDURES:

1. The Principal, or his nominees, are responsible for:
 - a) Ensuring the uniform, and appearance, requirements are published and the information is readily available.
 - b) Uniform and appearance requirements are adhered to by all students.
 - c) Ensuring suitable products are available in accordance with the approved uniform requirements.
2. Adherence to the Aquinas College uniform, and appearance requirements, is a behavioural requirement and, as such, is adhered to as part of student behaviour.
3. Where there are genuine reasons, such as cultural or medical, for a student to vary the uniform, prior written approval from the Principal must be obtained.