

Dear Parents

I am writing to seek your advice.

The school year has commenced quite smoothly and I was appreciative of the effort made by the majority of students and their parents to ensure that the regulations relating to uniform and personal grooming were observed. However, I was concerned at the number of students who began the year with a hair style or cut which was not in keeping with the regulations. It was of particular concern to me that a significant number of senior students, who are quite aware of the regulations, chose not to abide by them. Such actions are not compatible with our undertaking to "Work in Partnership".

A part of my undertaking to "Work in Partnership" which I have given to students is, "... to listen to our student leaders ..." and so rather than react by ordering a blitz on hair styles, I have taken the opportunity to seek the advice of our student leaders. In addition, I have sought the advice of the House Leaders and the Directors of Students.

I am seeking your advice regarding the current hair regulations for Nagle students. Should they be retained? Should they be modified slightly? Should they be changed?

In discussions to date, some of the points raised include:

- Hair should be clean
- The emphasis should be that a student's hair is "neat & tidy" – a variety of styles can meet this objective
- Extreme styles should not be accepted
- The current regulations reflect community expectations
- The current regulations often cause conflict
- The current regulations do not reflect student preferred styles
- Disparity between hair regulations for Girls and Boys

I am keen to know the opinion of Nagle parents regarding this matter and as such, I invite you to participate in a survey and make comment if you wish. For your information, I have attached feedback which I have received from Student Leaders and from Staff Leaders. A copy of the current regulations have also been attached. I will write separately to all students and staff to seek their views. The survey, which closes on March 2, 2015 may be accessed via the link:

<http://web.ncc.wa.edu.au/parentsurvey.html>

The survey will ask you to indicate your support for one of the following three options"

1. RETAIN the current hair regulations
2. MODIFY the hair regulations to reflect changes in style
3. CHANGE the hair regulations to emphasize "neat & tidy" as the key message

The views of all will be taken into consideration when the College makes a final decision and I take this opportunity to ask for your support when it is made – regardless of individual preferences.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and your anticipated response.

Regards

Rob