

DELTA PARK SCHOOL

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HAIR POLICY

1. General

The image of the school is more important than the fashion consciousness of the individual. Neat, tidy hair creates a good impression and the benefits the school derives as a result of a good image, are of inestimable value. Parents are expected to co-operate with the school in this regard. The school is not willing to get into arguments, via any platform, regarding hair as there are more important aspects to address such as academic progress.

1.1 This Policy was compiled by the SGB in accordance with the following legislation and related School Policies.

- South African Schools Act (Act 84 of 1996)
- Delta Park School Learner Code of Conduct

1.2 All cultural/ religious requests must be forwarded to the principal in writing, and must be written by the relevant religious or cultural leader. These requests will be submitted to the School Governing Body (SGB) for sanction.

1.3 A medical certificate must be submitted if a learner cannot be cleanly shaven due to a valid medical condition.

1.4 A written letter, requesting permission, must be handed to the principal should a learner experience an interim unavoidable problem with his/her hair.

1.5 The school reserves the right to determine if a hairstyle is acceptable or not. This decision will be taken by the principal and deputies.

1.6 Failure to comply will be seen as a serious offence and disciplinary actions will be taken.

1.7 No hairstyle may obstruct learning or teaching.

1.8 Hair, as referred to in this policy, includes both natural and synthetic.

2. LEARNERS' HAIR RULES

2.1 Natural hair is strongly encouraged.

2.2 Hair must always be clean and neat.

2.3 The colouring and highlighting of hair:

- Hair may be coloured any shade that is deemed a natural hair colour;
- The hair should be coloured at the beginning of the school term;
- The same shade is maintained throughout the school term;
- No re-growth of the natural colour is visible at the roots.

2.4 No peroxide of hair is allowed.

2.5 No excessive use of hair styling agents e.g.: gel, mousse, hairspray, wax and other hair products (including sugar water) for unconventional or unnatural hairstyles is permitted.

2.6 Hair touching the collar must be tied back tightly away from the face (no more than 2 ponytails). Hair may not hang in front of the ears in an untidy fashion. If hair is too short to tie back, it should be fastened with hair clips, or a hair band should be used.

2.7 Hair that is not long enough to touch the collar, should be kept out of the face and it may not fall into the eyes.

2.8 Fringes are allowed but should be tied or fastened with hair clips if it falls below the eyebrows.

2.9 All hair accessories must be burgundy, white, black or grey (no other colours are permitted).

2.10 No patterns may be cut into the hair.

- 2.11 Braids, cornrows and plaits may be worn provided they are neat and presentable, and hair should be grown longer during the school holidays in order to be braided/ plaited.

3. FACIAL HAIR

- 3.1 Learners' facial hair should be kept cleanly shaven (may be waxed or threaded as well).
3.2 No patterns or designs may be cut into the facial hair.
3.3 Sideburns should be kept short and not extend passed the middle of the ear.

This Policy was signed at Delta Park School, Blairgowrie on the 11th day of February 2021.

**Dr JJ Britz
PRINCIPAL**

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**