

**BETHLEHEM COLLEGE**  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL RULES**

*These Rules are part of the College Rules, and so they have the same purpose: to help all students achieve living excellence through Christ by developing Christian character in their lives and equipping them for effective service and leadership.*

*They are intended to provide students with clarity on the standards of conduct required of them, and to create healthy boundaries to protect each student, their fellow students, and the whole Bethlehem College community.*

*Bethlehem College recognizes that secondary school students are growing in maturity and have different needs, opportunities and challenges to younger students. These Rules add to or extend the College Rules accordingly.*

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**2. Relationships with others**

- 2.1. Students must observe the virtues of chastity and modesty at all times, including in their attire, and must demonstrate respect for all others.
- 2.2. While they are at school or under the school's authority and responsibility, students must not conduct romantic relationships or engage in any form of sexual or intimate activity which, to be clear, includes holding hands, cuddling, or kissing.

**3. Physical appearance**

- 3.1. Students must not wear jewellery unless it is:
  - a. a small cross or a taonga, worn in a way that does not compromise health and safety, for example, tucked away or taken off in a science lab or workshop or for physical activity or sport;
  - b. one earring per ear in the form of 3 mm round gold, silver, blue, or white studs. To be clear, sleepers are not allowed;
  - c. a watch, as long as it is not unusually valuable.
- 3.2. Students must not have piercings other than earrings as permitted by these Rules. To be clear, plasters, clear plastic studs, or anything else used to maintain a piercing are not allowed.
- 3.3. Students may not wear any badges, patches or insignia apart from Bethlehem College badges.
- 3.4. Students may not wear any make-up, other than light concealer and foundation in years 10 -13.
- 3.5. Students' hair:
  - a. must be clean, tidy, off the face and out of the eyes at all times;
  - b. must not be dyed in non-natural colours;
  - c. must not be worn in an extreme style, which includes beaded plaits, dreadlocks, anything shorter than a number 2 cut, mohawks, shaved patterns, or matted hair.
- 3.6. Female students must:
  - a. tie their hair back, if they are year 7-9;
  - b. keep their hair tidy and held back from their face, if they are year 10-13;
  - c. only wear (i) thin elastic hair ties that are plain navy, royal blue, black, or white coloured; or (ii) plain small silver, gold or blue hair clips; or (iii) natural-coloured bobby pins. Decorative hair ties, clips or pins must not be worn.
- 3.7. Male students must:
  - a. tie their hair back, if they are year 7-9;
  - b. keep their hair tidy and held back from their face, if they are year 10-13;

- c. be clean-shaven at all times; However, if there are genuine religious or cultural reasons for a male student to have facial hair, his parents or guardians may seek an exemption from this rule from the Principal;
- 3.8. Students must not have tattoos. If a student already has a tattoo when he or she first enrolls at the school, the tattoo must be covered up at all times.

#### **4. Non-uniform attire**

- 4.1. Students must dress with decency and modesty at all times.
- 4.2. When mufti attire is permitted, students must not wear:
  - a. low necklines that reveal cleavage;
  - b. tops that bare their midriff;
  - c. backless tops;
  - d. spaghetti strap tops;
  - e. clothing with objectionable, indecent or offensive logos, pictures, or script, as determined by a teacher or other staff;
  - f. shorts shorter than fingertip height when arms are held down at the sides;
  - g. dresses or skirts shorter than fingertip height when arms are held down at the sides. Dresses and skirts that are at this length must be worn with bike pants or tights underneath;
  - h. skin-tight clothing;
  - i. transparent clothing unless it is layered with other garments underneath that are not transparent;
  - j. clothing that is not permitted by the staff responsible for a particular occasion like a school trip.
- 4.3. During water activities, students must wear rash tops unless they are engaged in a permitted activity like a sporting activity for which other water attire is required and permitted by the responsible staff.

#### **5. Permission to leave**

- 5.1. Although the College Rules say that students must not leave the school grounds during school hours, year 13 students are allowed to leave, in accordance with the sign in sign out procedures.

#### **6. Transport**

- 6.1. Students who wish to drive a car or ride a motorcycle/scooter to school must first obtain a parking permit. They may only park in the student carpark and must display their parking permit at all times.
- 6.2. Student cars, motorcycles/scooters found parked elsewhere on school property, or that do not display a parking permit, may be clamped or towed, and/or the student may have their permit revoked, and/or be placed on detention.
- 6.3. Students must always obey their license conditions and all applicable laws. Failure to do so will result in their parking permit being revoked.