

# Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we have settled into the academic year, we felt it was important to remind you of some of our expectations and standards that are being approached inconsistently by some pupils as well as clarifying some issues that have arisen in recent weeks.

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your overwhelming support for our new Mobile Phone Policy. The boys have responded maturely and attendance at lunchtime clubs and societies has increased. We are generally pleased with how the boys wear their uniforms but our policy, available under 'School Rules' on the parent section of the school website, clearly states that *'Sports cross-over training shoes, boots, patent leather or suede shoes are not permitted. Any outlandish style of footwear or socks is prohibited. Socks should be dark in colour and of a standard length'*. Please ensure that these expectations are adhered to. Sanctions will be issued for incorrect footwear and boys will be asked to change into black socks (which are issued by school and are required to be returned washed please) if their own socks are not 'dark in colour'.

You may be aware that we have reintroduced Saturday morning detentions. To date, the behaviours causing boys to be placed on these detentions have mostly involved serious inappropriate behaviour when in uniform outside of school e.g. behaviour on buses and bringing the college into disrepute. We would be grateful if you would remind your son(s) about the expectations of an Ambrosian. This is something we emphasise to the boys when they become part of our community in first year and they must always aspire to reach the standards we expect of them. Some boys have been banned from accessing school buses and incidents outside of school have also resulted in fixed term exclusions.

We are fortunate that instances of theft have been rare at St Ambrose but boys are to be reminded that non-essential/non-academic items are brought to school at their own risk and they should make use of the numerous lockers available to them should they decide to bring such items to school. If instances of theft are brought to our attention, we will be involving the Police as part of our disciplinary procedures.

It must be stressed that the overwhelming majority of our pupils behave impeccably and conduct themselves in a manner we expect and we thank them for ensuring that the Gospel themes of love for one another, justice and The Golden Rule remain at our core. For our community to be the best it can be, we need all pupils consistently meeting the standards of the majority.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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