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Dear Parents/Carers & Students

**Re: Changes to Sacred Heart College Uniform 2025**

This letter is to communicate a major decision that I have taken regarding the Sacred Heart College uniform in 2025.

Sacred Heart College is an inclusive learning community where students flourish and a precondition for effective learning and teaching is an orderly school and classroom environment. An intrinsic part of this priority are clear and effective rules with respect to student uniform; reflecting this, a set of principles underlies the College's Uniform Policy and Expectations:

- The school uniform should be smart, robust and appropriate for the weather experienced at Sacred Heart College;
- The uniform as a whole and across its individual items should be gender neutral wherever possible; and
- Expectations for wearing the uniform should be clear, well understood and be consistently and universally enforced.

Over the last few months, the College Leadership Team and I have consulted with a range of stakeholders (teachers, parents and student leaders) to discuss the ongoing need for the SHC Winter Uniform to include a college tie. Although a tie has historically been a part of most professional and school dress codes, there has been substantial change in community expectations and tastes in recent years with many organisations no longer requiring a tie to be worn.

Therefore, I have taken the decision that **from the start of the 2025 school year, the Sacred Heart College uniform will no longer include a school tie**. The existing uniform (summer and winter) will not need additional major changes given this decision.

Given the feedback received during recent consultations, the College Leadership Team is investigating several smaller adjustments to the 2025 uniform including:

- Warmer winter trousers
- Gender-neutral school shirts with straight hems
- An alternate to the existing College Sport rugby jumper
- The option of a College puffer vest

Although the new items of uniform will be available for the start of the 2025 school year, existing items of clothing are still permitted to be worn with a transition to the new items occurring as replacements are required.

School ties will no longer be available for purchase from Noones; any families who have purchased a tie in preparation for the 2025 school year will be able to have the purchase price refunded through the College.

Yours sincerely

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