



ST JOSEPH'S NUDGEES COLLEGE

STUDENT TATTOO POLICY

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Student Tattoo Policy

St Joseph's Nudgee College is proud that we are known for our diversity of students and are an "inclusive community". We are blessed to have students from many geographical, cultural and religious backgrounds. This is reflected in our approach to student tattoos.

The College policy, in general terms, is boys are not to have tattoos, and if they are pre-existing before their enrolment at the College, that is made known to the school and they are never on show while the student is at school, on campus, in boarding or representing the College.

If boys get tattoos during their time enrolled at the College, without consulting the school, there will be a disciplinary response. Permission will not be granted for tattoos for aesthetic reasons or for non-cultural religious reasons.

When a possible tattoo has a cultural significance the family must contact the Principal or Dean of Students for a discussion focussing on:

- The cultural significance of the tattoo
- The ritual and meaning connected with it
- The symbolism of the design
- If it is done, can it be covered or does it need to be displayed?
- The timing (i.e. could it wait until after the student has completed school?)

The College is happy to work in partnership with families in some circumstances.

Students of different backgrounds have had tattoos over the College's history due to cultural and religious reasons. However, they have always been covered up when the student has been at school or representing the College.



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