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Subject Uniforms

To Whom It May Concern,

School Council at Essendon Primary School has agreed they would like to make a comment re school uniform to the committee of Inquiry.

School council at Essendon Primary School discussed the idea of compulsory uniform. Almost all of our students wear uniform even though it is not compulsory.

Council listed a number of reasons for having uniform eg levelling of social status, connectedness, variety of comfortable clothing choices, practical even for sporting activities, identifies students with school. However, they do not agree it should be compulsory. They however, did agree that the decision should be what communities agree upon.

From the Principal's perspective, I would much rather see uniform compulsory. It would allow me to have a policy that backs me when I am trying to encourage the wearing of uniform.

Regards,

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Essendon Primary School

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