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NO PROVISION For WARM OUTDOOR GEAR

My two teenage children attend Upwey High School. The school has a uniform policy in place but it needs to be re examined. They have introduced a jacket which they claim to be "shower proof", it is neither waterproof, windproof or warm in my opinion is a sports type light summer jacket.

My concern is that both my children wear their own WARM non-uniform jackets and scarves to school, they are neither distasteful or have inappropriate writing or signs of any kind on them, they are simply for outdoor wear, both of my children have had colds and flu recently but have been told to remove their jackets because they do not conform with the school uniform policy. My son has had his confiscated during recess on several occasions when it has been below 11 degrees outside. He was told to keep his neck warm by the G.P but has been told that scarves and gloves are not to be worn either.

Where is the commonsense in this?

It's ok for the staff to walk around rugged up with long jackets, scarves, gloves and hats on?

Let's remember they aren't little kids anymore who want to run around to keep warm. "They are young adults."

A jacket is a necessary item of clothing.

I do not believe that thought went into the current uniform policy and I speak on behalf of many parents, it would not matter if the school bought out an expensive winter jacket anyway, for starters it is a public school where we shouldn't have to fork out lots of money for a uniform.

As soon as the kids leave the school grounds they will do or wear whatever they want anyway, so what does the jacket prove, is it the public that the school tries to impress? Because if that's the reason it's not going to work.

So bringing in a more expensive alternative is not going to answer this problem. Window dressing doesn't fix the real problems that need to be addressed, there are more urgent issues that require attention rather than picking on a kid who is wearing a green jacket and a scarf instead of wearing the so called school regulation excuse for a jacket. My point in all of this is that I do not believe that the Upwey High School Council has made provision for warm outdoor gear in the current school uniform policy.

Regards

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