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Subject FW: School Uniform

Please consider our comments regarding the school uniform and the continued use of it for school purposes. We consider this a very important issue and one that we do not wish to see change for the following reasons-

- On school excursions students are easily identified for safety purposes
- Sense of belonging to the school
- In the playground, school uniform allows for ease of movement in sport and active games
- It is basically unisex and sunsafe
- It is relatively cheap given that plain colored windcheaters\polo shirts are acceptable at our school. Even from the school uniform shop it is far cheaper than designer alternatives
- It places everyone on an equal footing- having the 'right' clothing or footwear is not an issue.

Yours sincerely,

Glengarry Primary School Council and staff.

**Department of Education
Victoria**

For all principals and schools, regional directors, school council presidents, business managers and parent club presidents

S159–2007 Government Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools

Main Points

- The Victorian Parliament's Education and Training Committee is

conducting an inquiry into dress codes and school uniforms in Victorian schools. In particular, the Committee is inquiring into:

- o the benefits and costs of mandatory school uniforms;
 - o the views of school communities about dress codes and school uniforms;
 - o the most cost efficient and practical uniform procurement arrangements;
 - o matters which need to be considered to ensure dress codes and uniform policies are consistent with anti-discrimination legislation and health promotion policies;
 - o appropriate enforcement and sanctions;
 - o appropriate exemption criteria and processes; and
 - o national and international trends.
- The Committee invites written submissions or comment from school communities, students, parents and other interested individuals and organisations, addressing the above matters. Submissions should be sent to Ms Karen Ellingford, Executive Officer, Education and Training Committee, Parliament House, Spring Street, East Melbourne 3002 or by email to etc@parliament.vic.gov.au.
 - All submissions are treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested.

Actions Required

- Principals refer this request to school councils for their consideration.
- Written submissions are due by **8 June 2007** (the Executive Officer may be contacted if an extension is required).

Additional Information

- For further information please contact Ms Karen Ellingford on (03) 9651 8307 or by email at karen.ellingford@parliament.vic.gov.au.

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