



Grey Street Primary School

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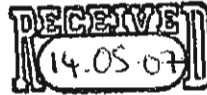
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School Uniform Inquiry Submission 32

To:
Ms Karen Ellingford,
Executive Officer,
Education and Training Committee,
Parliament House,
Spring Street
East Melbourne 3002.

Dear Karen,

The Grey Street Primary School Council discussed Parliament's Education and Training Committee inquiry into dress codes and school uniforms in Victorian schools at its meeting on Tuesday May 8.

The School Council would like the Education and Training Committee to know that our school community strongly supports the school's current uniform policy, which makes school uniform compulsory for all students to wear. This policy was developed with full input from parents and staff.

Having a school uniform helps instil in our students a sense of pride in their school and in themselves. It identifies our students to the broader community. Our school uniform has been selected so that it is both comfortable and practical for students to wear. It is suitable for both passive and active situations.

Prices for our school uniform are no dearer than they are for other clothing. In fact, our parents find that, after the initial purchase, school uniform works out less expensive as there are no 'labels' to buy (eg. Billabong; Quicksilver). Much of what is on our uniform list can be sourced from places such as K-Mart and Target.

On those occasions when a student's uniform is 'in the wash', parents are able to send their child to school in casual clothing, provided they send a note to that effect.

School Council has no concerns in respect to discrimination. Our girls are not made to wear skirts – in fact, we prefer them not to, as skirts are often inappropriate for school activities. We have no rules restricting clothing or jewellery associated with specific religions. If a student wanted to wear a head scarf our only interest would be that it was in school colours (bottle green and/or white).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The wearing of school uniforms is compulsory. Uniform details below:

ITEM – Available from Beleza
& local retailers

- Bottle green tracksuit (logo optional)
- Grey jeans or trousers
- Bottle green, grey or black shorts
- Bottle green rugby top with white collar (logo optional)
- Bottle green jacket
- Grey, bottle green or white long/short sleeved collared shirt or blouse
- Bottle green or white T-shirt or bottle green or white polo shirt with collar (logo optional)
- Bottle green or white skivvies
- Grey or bottle green tunic
- Grey or bottle green skirt
- Green and white checked school dress.
- Netball skirt - bottle green, pleated netball skirt with bottle green sports briefs
- Grey, bottle green or white tights
- Grey, bottle green or white socks
- Black or brown lace up or buckle up shoes.

- Plain black or white sandshoes, plain black or white gym boots (no highly coloured or patterned boots will be acceptable.)

- Brown, white or black sandals

- Art smocks are compulsory

- Jewellery – Only sleepers or studs allowed. Wrist watches are permitted. No necklaces (unless for health or religious reasons)

- Hair accessories – Black, white or green hair ribbons, hair bands or scrunchies only

ITEM - available from the office at Grey Street Primary School

- School hats - compulsory.
Style and colour - plain bottle green, grey, white or black
legionnaire \$5 or wide-brimmed hat \$7

- Grey Street School bags – optional \$30

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