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Subject Uniforms in Victorian Schools

History:

 This message has been replied to.

Dear Ms Ellingford

I am writing as a parent regarding the above.

Costs:

I believe school uniforms to be generally very cost effective I say generally because when the shirts are light or white the cost doubles. The cost doubles due to:

Extra soaking required

An increased water usage

Increase in laundry detergents (general wash and soaking)

Need to buy extra shirts to have the children look respectable or they are untidy/dirty which defeats at least one purpose of the school uniform.

Another reason for increased costs is the practice of students having to change from school uniform into sports uniform. **Unless lockers are supplied** with the sports facility, students should be able to wear their sports uniforms to school. This alleviates the chance of lost shirts and or shirts being taken or swapped for a better quality one or by accident even when the name is clearly evident. Yes, we have lost two shirts this year due to this. Many private schools have already made it mandatory to wear sports uniform the whole day to avoid this.

Benefits:

School uniforms give the students a sense of belonging. A very important point considering the decline in children in sports clubs, scouting and broken families.

Enforcement and sanctions :

Schools should have increased power to make the uniforms compulsory. Including being sent home and not allowed to take part in excursions or incursions.

This may not be what you are after for a parliament enquiry, it is a bit of a gripe and I will be going to the school to try and change policy. However, with the support of the government it would be a lot easier.

Tracey Higgins
Parent