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## **Government Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools**

### **Submission from Manorvale Primary School Council**

The School Council and Parents' Club support the wearing of school uniform by students. We believe that school uniforms are

- cost effective, easily washed and maintained
- suitable for all body shapes and sizes
- a way of easily identifying students in crowds and while away from the school
- a way of encouraging and supporting other programs such as Sunsmart
- responsive to seasonal changes
- practical for all school activities such as sport and dance.

School Uniform should be supported by a school Dress Code takes into account varying needs, community beliefs and current relevant legislation. Clothing should be easily obtainable and arrangements available where financial hardship is evident. The State Schools Relief Committee is a very effective supporter of needy students. A local supplier can be used allowing for customer-friendly purchasing hours, ordering systems and made to order services. Second hand uniform can be managed by volunteers at the school.

For the student, school uniform ensures that

- they know what to wear each day
- peer pressure is minimised
- competition over brand names and style is avoided
- inclusiveness of beliefs etc. can be accommodated
- gender issues are minimised when enough options are available
- school identity, unity and pride is encouraged.

Manorvale Primary School Council supports the wearing of school uniform by primary and secondary students.