

Policy subcommittee report

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Response to S159 – Government Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools.

Mandatory school uniform was seen a significant benefit because;

- reduced cost
- reduced competition between students
- no class distraction between students
- easy for identify strangers on school grounds
- easy to track students when off school grounds
- promotes a positive culture within the school community.

The Melton Secondary College community strongly supported dress codes and school uniforms

The most efficient and practical uniform procurement arrangement is to have a contracted supplier supply the uniform on the school site. This reduces costs and enables parents and/or students easier access for purchasing, especially at the beginning of the school year.

The matters which need to be considered regarding anti-discrimination and health promotion are discussions that need to be held locally.

Appropriate enforcement and sanctions, and exemption criteria and processes are discussions and decisions that needs to be made locally.

National and international trends seem to be reverting to traditional standards to dress codes.