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Subject Government Inquiry into Dress Codes & School Uniforms

This Inquiry was discussed at a recent Pakenham Hills PS School Council meeting. Our school council felt that the current school uniform dress code resulted in the vast majority of students being in school uniform. They were not sure what sanctions could be put in place to enforce the compulsory nature of school uniforms as the parents who do not dress their students in a school uniform are not going to respond to sanctions anyway. Our school council also felt it is very unfair to enforce sanctions on a student whose parent refuses to purchase a school uniform, as parent choice is beyond a primary student's control. We have also noted as a school that parents who have come in to access State School's Relief Uniform support are not even willing to pay their small share of the uniform cost through this avenue. Of the 10 families who wanted to access school uniforms through state school relief only 2 were willing to pay the small contribution required of them

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