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Subject student dress codes

Dear sir/madam,

I am acting principal at a Swan Marsh Primary School near Colac in the Barwon South Western Region. I am strongly in favour of a compulsory school uniform for both primary and secondary schools. I have reemphasised and upgraded an attractive and practical school uniform since commencing the acting principal position 12 months ago.

Community perception of our school and our students has greatly improved since the students began wearing the uniform. The winter uniform for girls is a tartan kilt style pinafore for junior girls and a similar skirt for older girls. Girls can wear the school's mesh sports shorts underneath their tunics if they wish. I believe this is much more attractive and therefore generates more pride in appearance and school, than having girls wear tracksuit pants.

I have also introduced to EMA families the option of receiving back the money received for them by the school if they redeem it towards a school uniform. All parents chose to do this. It would make my job of promoting my school a lot easier for me if school uniforms were made compulsory.

I would be more than happy to provide more information/opinions etc etc. if you require this for any purpose.

Regards

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Swan Marsh Primary School

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