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Subject dress code and uniform at vic schools

Geoff Howard (chair)

to the committee, as a teacher in the secondary system, i fully support the benefits of a schools uniform dress code, it does make it much simpler for students to dress themselves with no issue of what to wear. it also provides the school with an identity within the community.

as a parent of a young prep student the issue is again not with having a uniform, BUT it is the fact it has to have the school logo on shirts, jumpers, short, jackets etc. this process at our primary school makes the items very expensive for many parents, the same items without the logos can be purchased at various large retail stores for about \$5 to \$8 but through the school it is about FOUR times this cost. i am aware it is a fundraising process for the school as they get a percentage or other kickbacks from the supplier, but we need to look at it in a wider sense. the cost for some parents is far too much, students at primary level have dramatic growth spurts thus rendering uniforms too small etc, just their nature of play and the quality of some garments the items need either replacement or repair thus again extra cost and also the fact that at their young age they may lose items.

so at the primary level yes there should be a uniform so the school gets an identity in the community but it should be of a generic type to ease the burden of cost and to be more practical for their use at their age.

ps. the size of the smallest shorts for our daughter were 2 sizes too small therefore useless and the smallest shirt is like a dress. so we have got generic short of the correct colour that fit and the school shirt with logo although far too large, it may look better when she grows into it.

thank you  
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