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Subject school uniform inquiry comment

Dear Karen,

In response to the inquiry into dress codes and school uniforms, I would like to make the following comments:

Strongly in favour of standardized dress code for school students, and mandatory wearing of such. Broad brimmed hats, not caps to be worn.

Not in favour of the use of neck ties, except for special presentation occasions for primary aged students, if button up shirt is worn, ie usual private school code.

Hair to be short, not styled for boys and tied up if below collar for girls, with school colour hair bands, clips.

If the school has a policy of mandatory uniform, the staff and parents have a responsibility to enforce this through public documentation

ie newsletters, policies, etc and private communication to students and parents.

Options for girls could include shorts, culottes, pinafore or kilt, long track style pants, aiming for comfort, and femininity in choice.

Supply and promotion of second hand uniforms at significantly reduced prices.

Polo T shirts are preferred to button up shirts, for comfort and easier for parents, for primary aged students.

Wearing of uniforms correctly encourages attention to personal presentation, without the attention seeking behaviour and self indulgence

in appearance which often is associated with individual dressing options.

Much easier for child and parent to have one clothing type, just for school.

I am a parent of three primary aged children, who have attended private and state schools.

While the private school uniform had an impressive appearance, it was expensive, frequently uncomfortable, and time consuming to launder.

Thankyou for considering these views,

Yours sincerely,

Sue Winter