Dear Parents / Caregivers

As a part of the focus on the new uniform at our school, we wish to address some concerns regarding the length of shorts and skirts that some female students are wearing, along with a Work Health and Safety (WH&S) concern over footwear. The school’s uniform policy (in colour) outlining the new uniform requirements and price list can be found on the website.

Some students are wearing shorts and skirts that are considered to be too short and inappropriate for the school environment. Pictured below are a range of issues we believe detract from our school image.

The school uniform policy indicates that shorts and skirts for all students should be at least mid-thigh in length. These appropriate uniform items (pictured) are available from Lowes, Raymond Terrace in a variety of sizes. Shorts should not be rolled up at the waist or the cuff to make them appear shorter.
APPROPRIATE SCHOOL SHOES FOR IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

The shoes below ARE suitable and meet (WHS) requirements because:

- They are black
- They have leather / suede / synthetic uppers
- There are no punched holes or mesh
- They are NOT canvas
- They cover the upper part of the foot

A student IS NOT allowed to participate in practical lessons if she/he is wearing footwear that does not meet WHS guidelines. A practical lesson is any lesson where explicit safety rules apply. For example: Food Technology, Timber Technology, Metal Technology, Hospitality, Science, Agriculture, etc. The styles shown below are WHS compliant.

The shoes below and styles similar ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR GENERAL SCHOOL WEAR, they are not WHS compliant and should not be worn on any occasion.

The shoes below and styles similar ARE SUITABLE FOR SPORT AND PE WEAR.

We appreciate your support in purchasing the new uniform (or appropriate alternatives) and in helping the school maintain a positive, professional image.

Sincerely

Colin Elliott
Principal

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