

Dear Parents

Below I have included an extract from a previous note send out at the end of 2014 by Mr Boughton.

"The approved uniform will be phased in over two years. During this time students will continue to wear the current uniform until parents need to replace items..."

The new uniform will be available to be purchased from Lowes and Flanagans in Cessnock.

The uniform is made up of the following items

- *Girls tartan tunic (blue, navy, red stripe)*
- *Girls tartan SKORT*
- *Girls round collar button blouse (logo on pocket)*
- *Girls tartan skirt*

- *Boys button shirt (logo on pocket)*
- *Boys navy shorts with APS*
- *Boys navy trousers*

- *Sports shirt pale blue under arms as a side panel and red piping up either side of pale blue*
- *Sports shorts*
- *School bucket hat or legionnaires cap with school logo*
- *An optional School bag with school logo."*

Therefore, I will state that the following survey is based on gathering community information about the new uniform and is not about changing the uniform.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

Please complete the following survey (PTO) and return to school before the end of this term.

Uniform Survey

1. As a parent I am happy with the school uniform?

Yes

No

Comments.

2. Is the cost of purchasing the uniform fair?

Yes

No

Comments.

3. Do you believe that our uniform presents our school in a positive way?

Yes

No

Comments.

4. Have you heard positive comments regarding our uniform across the wider community?

Yes

No

Comments.