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SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

This note addresses the style of shoes which can be worn to school. There are four basic requirements which must be satisfied. Shoes must be

- *Black*
- *Polishable leather*
- *Lace-up*
- *Clearly defined heel*

It needs to be understood that 'Vans' (leather or canvas), skate shoes and similar fashion shoes (*Converse, Volleys, Kustom, DCs*) are NOT to be worn to school because they provide inadequate foot protection with poor structure and no heel. It is our view that from a Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) perspective, these *Vans* and similar



are un-safe and unsatisfactory for the working environment of a school. Also, several of these shoes are 'action' leather or bonded leather made with synthetic compounds which may disintegrate in contact with some chemicals and products. These shoes have never been allowed or condoned and the banning of *Vans* and similar has been stated in numerous newsletters over several years. This position is still the case and will not change. Please do not purchase these as school shoes because they cannot be worn to school.

We must re-state and emphasise the requirement that **school shoes must have a defined heel** – as well as the usual *black, polishable leather, lace-up* requirement. This is stated clearly in our uniform requirements which are listed in diaries and enrolment packages.



It is essential that parents support us in our drive to keep a safe working environment at school and have a uniform which is safe, comfortable and equitable.

Thank you for your support.

Leon Walsh

Principal