Dear Parents/Guardians,

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CHELSEA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

As you may be aware, the school’s Education Sub-committee are charged with reviewing the policies that help govern our school.

The Sub-committee recently reviewed the uniform policy and recommended some changes be made. These changes were subsequently debated and passed at the November School Council meeting.

The changes focus on three (3) main areas -

- **Leggings are no longer permitted uniform attire.**
  This change brings CHPS into line with schools in our immediate surrounding area and was decided on for the following reasons:
  - The existing policy was deemed to be unclear, in that it stated leggings could be worn under the school dress and needed to be school colours. This meant Black or Red, and we had students wearing both colours;
  - A study of students done by teachers over a week long period found the majority of students wearing leggings were wearing them as a substitute for pants or track pants. As the previous uniform policy only mentioned leggings in the context of being worn under the school dress, this was deemed by the Sub-committee to be “out of uniform”; and
  - It was accepted that there are sufficient alternative options available.

Plain black pants or track pants can be purchased from PSW for approx. $30 (pants), or alternatively from Target, Kmart or Big W for between $8 and $15.

- **Visible items of clothing under the school uniform are no longer permitted uniform attire.**
  This includes long sleeve T-shirts previously worn under the school polo shirt and pants of any type previously worn under the school dress.

- **Shoes are to be plain black school shoes, black runners (no coloured logos or soles) or T-Bars for girls. White or coloured runners are no longer permitted uniform attire.**

- These changes were deemed necessary by a desire to minimise confusion, increase adherence and improve uniformity among the student body, while also enhancing the image and perception of CHPS in the wider community.

- The full revised policy was included in the most recent full-school newsletter, and is available on the school website ([http://www.chps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/wel009_uniform.pdf](http://www.chps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/wel009_uniform.pdf)). We urge every parent to make themselves familiar with the policy.

The revised policy will take effect as of Day 1, Term 1, 2017 and will be policed from that date. We trust that parents will assist by ensuring their children attend school in the correct attire.

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Should you wish to discuss any aspects of our Uniform Policy No WEL009, please feel free to join us at our School Council meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 commencing at 8pm in the Conference Room. Please inform the office of your intention to attend to support seating arrangements.

Sincerely,

Jane Satchwell
School Principal

Phil Kimberlee
President, School Council

What’s uniform and what’s not?

**PANTS**

- **LEGGINGS**
  - NOT uniform

- **TRACK PANTS**
  - ACCEPTABLE
  - uniform

- **PANTS**
  - ACCEPTABLE
  - uniform

**SHOES**

- **PLAIN BLACK SHOES**
  - ACCEPTABLE
  - uniform

- **PLAIN BLACK RUNNERS**
  - ACCEPTABLE
  - uniform

- **T-BARS**
  - ACCEPTABLE
  - uniform

- **BLACK RUNNERS (Coloured logo or sole)**
  - **NOT** uniform