



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

In recent weeks we have had numerous parent enquiries regarding school uniform. As a result, staff and the P&C reviewed the uniform policy and we are happy to provide you with an up-to-date photograph of our uniform. This topic has been covered in both staff meetings and P&C meetings. Our new long sleeve polo shirts have been the result of these discussions at P&C meetings. **Please note that the hat is also part of the uniform as are fully enclosed black shoes.** Both of these items involve safety considerations. Hats can vary in style (as seen below) but need to be bottle green in colour. They do not have to have the school logo on them. You can purchase a school hat from the canteen for \$15.00. Visors are available for purchase from Mr Andrews for \$6.00. The visors are only to be worn by students during PSSA sports activities.

The wearing of school uniform 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 by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable and expensive clothes (*School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools, DET, 2004*).

In addition to the benefits listed above, students receive uniform awards on a daily basis for being in the correct school uniform (this includes the bottle green hat). The awards are then placed in a weekly draw and students can win canteen prizes. Please refer to our school website for the full DET uniform policy. Thank you for your continued and valued support.



Yours Sincerely
Ms Simmiss-Taylor
Principal