

## Footwear Policy

A key strategy as part of school's effective measures to address inherent risks in curriculum activities is the wearing of appropriate footwear and school uniform.

Footwear must be supportive, sturdy and fully enclosed. Black leather shoes are a requirement of the formal school uniform. Sports shoes are a requirement of the sports uniform. Sports shoes are to be preferably white or black. The colour and appearance of sports shoes must not detract from the school uniform.

Without the appropriate footwear students will not be granted access to classrooms involving high risk activities, for example, in Manual Arts, Home Economics, Visual Art, Science, Physical Education and Sport. Students who wear non-leather upper sports shoes will need to keep a change of shoes in their bag to access certain classes.

Education premises are varied and often complex sites with many different physical environments, possible contaminants, individual factors, varied tasks and pieces of equipment.

Appropriate footwear and classroom management aims to reduce injuries to feet resulting from—

- (a) contact with falling, rolling or cutting objects;
- (b) penetration through the sole or uppers;
- (c) degloving (skin pulled away from the feet);
- (d) contact with chemicals, heat and molten materials.

**Examples** of appropriate footwear are:

### Acceptable ALL classes – with formal uniform



### Acceptable ALL classes – with sports uniform (sports shoe with leather upper & NO mesh)



Acceptable for general day wear with sports uniform (sports shoe with non-leather upper) – not for wear in high risk curriculum areas as explained above.



To comply with the requirements stated, footwear made from light fabric, open weaved, absorbent material, or footwear of a non-enclosed or thin soled design, is **not** to be worn at school. Footwear with any of these features poses an unacceptable risk. Canvas shoes are not accepted.