Due to a number of workplace health and safety breaches and injuries relating to incorrect school shoes this year, we are reminding families of our requirements of **safe** and **appropriate** footwear.

**Acceptable Footwear:**

**Formal Uniform requirements:**
- Plain black leather lace up shoes with non-porous solid uppers or black leather lace up sports shoes/joggers with non-porous solid uppers.
- Heel less than 2cm.
- Plain black only – no additional coloured markings.

**Sports Shoe requirements:**
- Plain style lace up sports shoes/joggers with non-marking soles. Canvas and Slip On Shoes are not allowed.

**Unacceptable Footwear:**
- “Ballet flats” or “Mary-Jane” style shoes.
- No “canvas” shoes allowed.
- Slipper style shoes.
- Zip up shoes.
- Bright/fluro coloured shoes.
- Coloured laces or decoration on school shoes.
- Sport shoes with formal uniform.
- Shoes with a heel higher than 2 cm.

**Wearing incorrect footwear will result in:**
- Withdrawal from participation in curriculum activities requiring the correct footwear e.g. Science, Art, Design and Technology, Home Economics, Health and Physical Education and Sport.
- Withdrawal from playground activities that require appropriate footwear.
- Consequences being applied for failure to follow instructions.

All students must wear the correct school uniform, including shoes. Missing class and learning time because of safety concerns is not in your child’s best interest.

It is unreasonable for parents to feel under pressure from children to compete with the trends in footwear when purchasing school shoes. School shoes should be functional, protective and appropriate to your budget. Parents may purchase the plain black leather runner/jogger with non-marking sole and non-porous upper for children to wear all the time.

There is no need for parents to provide “designer or label name” shoes for Health and Physical Education and Sport. The acceptable school shoe options are inexpensive and long lasting.

When purchasing shoes, please ensure they comply with the requirement listed above. By starting the year with the correct shoes, you will ensure that no learning time is lost in classes requiring enclosed, leather upper shoes.

If you require any further information please check our school website or contact the school.

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