Wednesday, 21 September 2016

HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

UNIFORM PROPOSAL

At the September 2015 P&C Meeting, a motion was put forward to review the school uniform, and subsequently a Uniform Subcommittee was formed to undertake the review.

Fast forward to September 2016 (and following a very long process of examining our current uniform, surveying the school community for their thoughts, investigating what other options are available) the P&C Uniform Subcommittee presented 2 options to the full P&C for a new uniform for the students of Hinton Public School, and the P&C voted on which option they thought would best suit our school.

The proposal was supported unanimously at the P&C meeting with the P&C very excited for the future.

The reasons behind the review were:

- Legislative – To provide a uniform which doesn’t discriminate against race, sex or disability and to comply with Department of Education guidelines for Equal Opportunity (which incorporates providing a uniform which suits a variety of body development) and meets WHS guidelines.
- To simplify, standardise and comply with UV ratings.
- Easy to launder – easy to care for and fade resistant, and can withstand the rigors of a primary school student.
- School Image – To incorporate our school identity and promote a sense of pride for all students wearing the uniform, whether at school, or representing the school at various events / activities through the year.

The survey results showed that the following was of concern / interest to parents / carers / teachers:

- Cost of the uniform
• Quality of the current uniform – particularly the current polo fabric
• Colour of the uniform items
  o colour of the girls skirt not matching the jumper / jacket stockings
  o Preference of gold polo over bottle green for formal polo, but most wanted a more up-to-date modern polo
• Laundering of the uniforms
• Separate sports uniform, so that when students are representing the school they are not wearing a sports uniform
• Dislike of students wearing non-uniform items, eg stretchy pants from Big W, Best & Less etc
• Uniform policy to be enforced.
• Tucked vs untucked and suitability of items for this purpose.

The P&C will also be looking at purchasing blazers to match the new uniform that students can borrow when representing the school (eg school leaders, debating team, public speaking, awards functions etc).

The next step in the process is for the entire school community (including teachers) to view the proposal, have their children try on the uniform, and vote on the options available.

The proposed uniform and is on display in the OOSH room, and an afternoon / evening get-together is being held on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 from 3.30pm to 7.30pm for any parents/carers/teachers wishing to come along to view the proposal (outside of school hours) and have their children try on for sizing.

PROPOSED UNIFORM

Girls
Formal Polo – Gold with Bottle Green Trim (untucked)
Culotte – Green and Gold Tartan (with bottle green stockings for winter)
Bomber Jacket – Bottle Green with Gold Trim

Boys
Formal Polo – Gold with Bottle Green Trim (untucked)
Shorts / Pants – Bottle Green
Bomber Jacket – Bottle Green with Gold Trim

Sport
Sports Polo – Bottle Green with Gold Trim (soon to be introduced by supplier) (untucked)
Until sports polo is able to be ordered, students will wear the Formal Polo
Sports Shorts – Bottle Green microfibre with Gold and White Trim
Bomber Jacket – Bottle Green with Gold Trim
Trackpants – Current Bottle Green Trackpants
Formal Polo and Bomber Jacket to have embroidered school logo (replacing current screen printing logo). White socks to be worn by both girls and boys.
**CURRENT UNIFORM**

**Girls**  Polo – Gold (tucked in)
            Skirt – Bright Green (with bottle green stockings for winter)
            Jacket – Bottle Green Hoodie

**Boys**   Polo – Gold (tucked in)
            Shorts / Pants – Grey
            Jacket – Bottle Green Hoodie

**Sport**  Polo – Gold (tucked in)
            Shorts – Bottle Green
            Jacket – Bottle Green Hoodie
            Trackpants – Bottle Green

Please take the time to vote and return your vote to your child’s teacher, to have your say in the uniform of Hinton Public School.

In the event that the vote outcome is for the current uniform to stay, the P& C will again need to meet to discuss the uniform, as the current uniform does not meet the equal opportunity guidelines.

Yours faithfully

HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C