



Newington College

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

After much consultation, deliberation and discussion, the College Council has approved the changes to the Newington College uniform as recommended by the Uniform Committee.

The Uniform Committee first met on 7 September 2005 and many subsequent meetings of the committee and sub-committees have been conducted since that time. The Committee was initially established at the request of the Chairman of the College Council to review the current uniform (and the current uniform policy) and to make recommendations for changes to either or both if necessary.

As a result of the initial Focus Group, a list of priorities was formulated. The priorities produced a criterion to be used in the review process and these were as follows:

- Criteria A – Appearance – ‘a necessity’ - identification - including internal, uniformity K – 12, engenders school pride
- Criteria B – Practical – ‘highly desirable’ - functionality, simplicity, comfort, OH&S sensitive
- Criteria C – Value for money – ‘would be nice’ - cost, transferability, durability, easy to maintain

On 17 June 2006, the Uniform Committee made a recommendation to Council. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the Newington College School Uniform (the new uniform) comprise:

- Newington black blazer
- Grey trousers or shorts (for Preparatory schools)
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black lace up shoes.

It was noted in the recommendation that the reason for departing from the current grey suit was that it was and is common experience for trousers/shorts and suits coats to be made from different dye lots. It is readily apparent from merely a cursory glance at the boys that the suits differ not only from boy to boy, but from coat and trousers upon the same boy.

It should also be noted that there has been considerable and constant effort, consultation and communication in relation to this issue over a number of years. The views obtained are from many and varied members of the Newington community and should be adopted and treated with due respect.

Since that time, and through further consultation with key stakeholders, the following final uniform decisions were reached:

Summer Uniform (Terms 1 & 4):

- K – 6 uniform remains the same
- Years 7 – 12 uniform becomes grey shorts or grey trousers (Years 7 – 9), black belt (Years 7 – 12), white short sleeved shirt (the current style shirt but in white with embossed College logo), long grey socks to be worn with shorts or short black socks to be worn with trousers, the traditional black and white diagonal tie, black lace-up shoes, black Newington jumper

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- Years 10 - 12 wear trousers as above or the current 'blue Summer Uniform' – navy blue shorts, white short sleeved shirt (current style shirt but in white with embossed College logo), Year 10 & 11 tie (the current Year 11 tie) or Prefect tie (Year 12), long white socks, black lace-up shoes, black Newington jumper.

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3):

- K - 6 uniform would remain the same
- Years 7 - 12 becomes the blazer uniform: grey trousers, black belt (Year 7 - 12), white long sleeved shirt (current style shirt but in white with embossed College logo), black blazer (current style), traditional black and white diagonal tie (Years 7 - 9), black socks, black lace-up shoes, black Newington jumper
- Years 10, 11 & 12: the current Year 11 tie to remain but be extended to Year 10, current Year 12 Prefect tie to remain.

Timeline for Implementation

The implementation of these changes will be **phased in over the next two years**. New items will be available from the start of Term 2, 2009. Boys will be able to wear either the existing uniform or new uniform (subject to availability) during 2009 and 2010. The new uniform will become compulsory from Term 2, 2011.

Having said that, **all boys in Years 7 - 12 will move to the Blazer Uniform from the commencement of Term 2 (as outlined above), 2011 and all boys in Years 10 - 12 to the Summer Uniform in Term 1, 2011 (as outlined above).**

More information about these changes will be made clear, via the campus newsletters, once we have contacted the College's uniform supplier to ensure that stock has been acquired.

I trust that the College community will support the changes noted above and I would thank the Committee and the large number of parents who had input into the final recommendations.

Warm regards



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Chairman of the College Council