



Dear Parents / Guardians

It is a pleasure to be part of the Ashwood Secondary College school community, a community with high levels of relational trust. I would like to acknowledge the high levels of support provided by students, staff and parents. The culture of our school makes you proud to be part of the Ashwood community.

You may be aware that over the past two terms, parents, students and staff have been engaged in a comprehensive consultation process with regards to the introduction of a new School Uniform at Ashwood in 2016. There has been much anticipation around the unveiling of the new school uniform. Students have shown great support and excitement towards the new uniform. The consultation process has been extensive.

It is with pleasure to inform you that a new School Uniform Policy has been ratified by School Council for implementation in 2016. The new school uniform is an excellent result for our school community as part of lifting the image of our school in the local and broader community.

The introduction of the new school uniform will adhere to Department of Education and Training guidelines in relation to a transition phase which will occur over a three year period. In 2016 all Year 7 students and newly enrolled students to our school will be expected to wear the new school uniform. The take up of the new school uniform is encouraged across the other Year levels by current students enrolled at Ashwood. In 2018, all Ashwood students will be expected to wear the new school uniform.

When undertaking a review of the current school uniform and embarking on the design of a new school uniform, School Council developed a set of key selection criteria that would underpin all considerations with respect of the development and implementation of a new school uniform, these included: quality, value, consistency, sophistication, practicality and inclusivity. School Council believes that the new school uniform meets with all of these criteria.

Whilst the policy development phase has been comprehensive, the turn-around process for production is relatively quick. Having the uniform ready for Year 7 and newly enrolled students in 2016, will be nothing short of a miracle. *Dobsons* (the uniform provider) is working closely with the school to ensure that the new uniform is available for purchase prior to the start of the 2016 academic year. We are working hard to ensure high levels of satisfaction amongst parents and students and delivering on our high levels of community trust and confidence.

If any items of the new uniform are not available for purchase for the commencement of 2016, we will do everything we can to put in place contingency plans to ensure that all students are in uniform and that parents do not incur any additional expenses.

I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging the contribution of school councillors to the policy development process. In particular, the work of Debra Gibson (Acting Assistant Principal) and Kelly Garrett (Business Manager) has been exceptional.

Further information relating to the new school uniform will be communicated to current and prospective school families by the Anna Kukuruzovic, Assistant Principal responsible primarily for student management and culture which include the following areas: leadership, engagement, wellbeing, transitions and pathways. Any questions in relation to the implementation of the new School Uniform must be directed to Ms Kukuruzovic. The new school uniform is linked directly to Priority 1: *Enhancing the Student Culture*, Priority 2: *Growing Pride and Achievement at Ashwood* and Priority 3: *Enhancing Positive parental and Community Engagement*.

In addition to the introduction of the new school uniform, students, staff and parents have been involved in the creation of a new School Logo and Motto, which has been ratified at School Council.

In anticipation, we look forward to high levels of community support and excitement around our school's identity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brett Moore'.

Brett Moore
Principal