A school uniform should:

- cater for all students in the school community in a manner sensitive to gender and local cultural and social issues including cultural and religious diversity
- meet requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- promote the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities e.g. items for sun protection
- include items that are affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care and easy wear fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes
- provide girls and boys with equal access to the full range of school activities.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students’ sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.
Uniform Review Results

Votes - 214 Respondents:

**Satisfied with uniform** - (no review) x 39 (4 staff, 2 students)

**Dissatisfied with uniform** (review) x 161 (11 staff, 38 students)

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**Other suggestions**

Logo on polo shirts for everyday
Change pants/shorts to grey year round
Keep standard uniform for formal days, options for regular days x 8
Blazer
Elasticised tie
Sunglasses
Gumboots
Girls overshirt with splits on sides
Do away with white socks
Warmer green shirt for winter
Review Western region clothes on sports day
Concerns about increased expense if uniform changed x 1
Concern uniform change could lead to bullying (which one is more ‘fashionable’?) x 1

Positive comments from Parents/Carers/Teachers:

- I think the CVPS uniform is great, it looks smart and the colours work for all the children
- Generally, we as a family all agree that the Cudgegong uniform is smart, practical and comfortable
- My daughter loves the uniform because she loves skirts/dresses
- While I like the pinafore another option needs to available for really cold days
- I love the tartan pinafore but I do think the girls need a trouser option
- I think the uniform looks smart & I am happy with the boys uniform
- I feel that the boys uniform is fresh and practical
- I feel the current uniform contributes to our school’s high reputation. It is neat, comfortable, warm, serviceable and hard wearing. I like the fact that our students look the same because there are not options that are seen at most other public schools
- I am happy with the uniform
- I think the uniform is smart and serviceable
- Girls dresses very smart when representing school in out of school events etc.
- The students look great in current uniforms which suit weather conditions and are safe
- Thank you for the option to make a comment x 1
- Congratulations on reviewing the uniform x 1

General Parent/Carer/Teacher Comments:

Boys:

- To wear shorts and short sleeves in winter x 3
- One colour sock for all seasons rather than two colours x 3
- Grey socks for both seasons x 5
- One colour shorts/pants rather than two colours
- A darker shirt x 1
- Change boys’ shorts to grey x 2
Unisex:

*Midford shirts are difficult for young children to put on by themselves (e.g. the buttons on the wrist cuffs)*

*Midford shirts and staining issue: x 3*

*Midford shirts and ironing issue: x 5*

Hats: A more stylish hat option as opposed to the bucket hat x 1

Shoes: White joggers for sport are hard to source x 1

**General Student Comments:**

- Pinafore: More colours (some black and yellow) x1
- Have Mufti more often
- Mufti: Wear shorts & shirts every day
- Green skivvies x1
- I would like to wear pants because when we practice for the school athletics carnival you can see your undies & it is embarrassing
- So they can do cartwheels
- I think it is not fair that the boys get to wear pants and the girls don’t. Girls can’t climb equipment or do fun things
- The material is too thick and the summer uniform is too short. They are not appropriate to play in
- Cudgegong girls cannot do as many things as the boys. We cannot jump as high as we could of
- Once all the girls had to do high jump in dresses. It was discriminating
- I think the girls uniform is in need of review because the pinafore is not practical for modern activities that girls do at lunchtime
- The girls dresses are really hard to do PE in. Other reasons are as follows; it is heavy, we always have to readjust the dress, the dress always comes up in the wind, it gets cold.

**Frequent comments relating to uniform policy:**

Most respondents wanting a pants option stated the winter girls’ uniform is not warm enough

**Not practical/too heavy/immodest for outdoor play:**

Parents/Carers/Teachers x 15

Students x 17

**Comments regarding anti- discrimination/equal- opportunity:**

Parents/Carers/Teachers x 17

Students x 13

Difficult to practice & qualify for athletics carnivals/cross country/PE x 12

**WH&S concerns:**

Midford shirts not sun safe: x7

Comments regarding Eczema (stockings): x 5
Colour preferences:

- Colours are fine, uniform just needs updating x 1
- Keep all colours the same x 2
- Boys socks: Could they be white OR grey year round
- More colour, perhaps red in boys uniform x 1
- Girls trousers: Bottle green x 23, tartan x 2
  - Girls trousers: Grey x 4, white x 1, red x 1
  - Green jeans x 1
  - Girls shorts: green x 4
- Polo Shirts: Green x 2, green, red & white x 2, add red neck tie or trim x 2
- Jacket: Red & green x 1
- Long green skirt for girls x 1
- Tartan culottes for girls x 1
- Hair accessories - same colour as uniform x 1

General Questions:

- Q: Is the red & green jacket going to be available in years to come?  
  A: Only what limited stocks remain. Due to parent feedback, a cheaper/warmer option has been sourced. To include red in this jacket would make these jackets too expensive for parents.

- Q: My children haven't been offered sunscreen at school. Is our school sun smart?  
  A: CVPS became a NSW Government Sunsmart school in 2012.

- Q: It would be interesting to know if you plan to survey the children also.  
  A: Yes. Students were given their own opportunity to submit a survey in Week 10 of Term 2.

- Q: Please confirm that the pale green winter Midford shirt is going to continue to be available as I couldn't find it on the Midford website this term?  
  A: Yes. The Midford green shirts are all on the Midford website (Classic school shirt) but shown in the picture as a blue shirt. Green is currently still available.

- Q: I would also like it to be included in the school uniform policy the expectations of rules in wearing the “Western” representative gear at school.  
  A: Students are allowed to wear Western garments on CVPS sports days only. This issue has been addressed in our new Uniform Policy.
Suggestions for uniform changes from survey results:

- Logo on all items to reduce non approved garments
- Pants/trouser option for girls in winter
- Shorts/culottes option for girls in summer
- Polo shirts to replace Midford shirts
- Sock colour review?
- More feminine girls shirt (collar, splits, neck tie)

Polo Shirts:

- If a standard colour is chosen e.g. red polo then the price point can remain the same.
- If a custom colour is chosen e.g. lime green polo then the price increases, however this price includes the custom collar (lettering or colours).
- If a combination of colours is chosen then the price also increases, including the custom collar.