

Advice on Acceptable Footwear

The NSW Department of Education publication, *School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools* (2004) states that under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 (OH&S Act) schools must ensure that students are not exposed to health or safety risks while they are on school premises. The school has a duty to require students to wear appropriate footwear so as to avoid injury.

The NSW Department of Education policy, *Chemical Safety in Schools* (1999) clearly states; "Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from mechanical or chemical damage. It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshop areas or laboratories.

At Wagga Wagga High School this means that all students must wear fully enclosed black leather shoes which cover the whole foot.

The following types of school shoes meet both safety and uniform requirements.



The following shoes do not meet safety requirements and must not be worn.

