SAFE FOOTWEAR

In 2011, we need the support of our families to ensure students are provided with school shoes which comply with health and safety standards.

On advice from DET our school learning and outdoor spaces have been risk assessed and it has been determined that we must comply with safe footwear requirements. The direction is:

“It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear fully enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear, thongs or high heeled shoes are not appropriate and must not be worn in workshops, laboratory areas or the playground.”

As all students at Wadalba are involved in at least one practical workshop activity daily, I am requesting that, when purchasing school shoes for the coming year, families purchase black (uniform colour) leather fully enclosed footwear which covers the instep of the foot.

Students will not be able to participate in practical workshop and lab activities if they do not comply. With all students also doing practical PE daily, the practical solution might be to purchase black leather lace up sports shoes which are now freely available. This would make carrying a second pair of shoes for PE unnecessary.

Girls who purchase fashion school shoes which leave the top of the foot exposed ie ‘Mary-Jane style” will need to purchase and wear ‘welder’s spats’ constructed of fire retarded fabric, in all practical lessons. These spats are purpose built for welders and are expensive.

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