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Should students wear dresses? dirt if they were navy.

By Amelia H and Tiare C.J.

Should we add dresses to our uniform? There are a lot of different answers about whether or not it should happen. On the up side, students should be allowed to wear whatever they want but it does cost a lot of money and you can see your undies if you go on the spiderweb or monkey bars.

“Don’t these schools do enough damage making all these kids think alike, now they have to make them look alike too?” George Calin

A HISTORY OF DRESSES AT OUR SCHOOL

At our school dresses have never really been around in our memory but we did wear them when there was not a school uniform in 1937. The reason girls were expected to wear dresses was for modesty but as feminism became more accepted, girls wanted shorts so they could be more active.

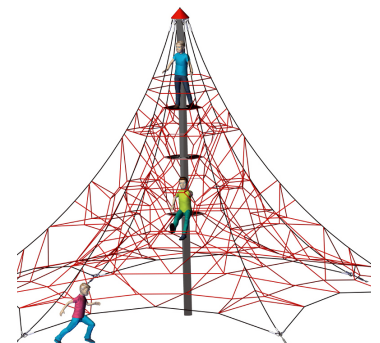
YES WE SHOULD!

Students should have the right to choose what they wear to school. Many schools have dresses as part of their uniform and while there have not been any problems with them, not everyone likes them. Dresses should not be made compulsory for boys and girls but they should be an option. In addition, dresses would not show the

NO WE SHOULD NOT!

If it is a windy day and someone wearing a dress climbs to the top of the spiderweb, people will be able to see their undies! it will cost at least \$100 per person to order summer and winter dresses. Plus, students might not agree with the colour and design of the dresses. Girls are also limited when it comes to exercise:

“Girls should not be restricted by their clothing when at school. We know that girls wearing dresses or skirts do less exercise than girls wearing pants or shorts and girls should be able to run and play as much as they like, because it is good for their health and wellbeing.” Alison Boston, Girls Uniform Agenda



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WHAT STUDENTS THINK

We surveyed a random sample of students from our school and the majority said yes but some said no. The reasons why people said yes were because the skorts we have now are a bit thick in summer and because other schools have dresses. Daniela, 10, said she wants dresses, "Because it looks nicer than wearing shirts all the time." But others disagreed with one student saying, "All the girls that want dresses are the girls who do cartwheels at lunch and recess."

We interviewed some students from other schools that do have dresses and they were not big fans. When they were told that our school did not have dresses, they said, "Lucky!" At some private schools, the dresses are compulsory.

OUR PERSONAL OPINIONS

Tiare: We are very lucky for girls to be able to wear both shorts and skorts in this school as many girls in other schools are still fighting for the right to wear shorts, but if the girls in CPS want to wear dresses, they should be able too as well.

Amelia.H: We should be allowed to wear dresses if we want to but if we do get dresses then the boys should be allowed to wear them as well. Also, our school is the only school that I know of that does not have dresses.

Should we have dresses or not? Would they be needed? Do the students at CPS want them? What do you think?



Bushfires

By Rato B



A bushfire is a wildfire that occurs in the bush (collective term for forest, scrub, woodland or grassland of Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia).

Bushfires are frequent events during the warmer months of the year, due to Australia's mostly hot and dry climate. For a bushfire to start there needs to be fuel in the form of leaves and/or wood and an ignition or flame point. Sometimes this comes from lightning.

Bushfires tend to occur when fuel loads in Eucalypt forests have dried out, usually following periods of low rainfall. The potential for extreme fire weather varies greatly throughout Australia, both in frequency and severity depending on the climate, vegetation and other conditions.

In south east Australia, bushfires tend to be most common and most severe during summer and autumn in drought years, and particularly in El Nino years. In the north of Australia, bushfires usually occur during winter (the dry season), and fire severity tends to be more associated with seasonal patterns. The bush fire season started early this year in Queensland and Northern New South Wales (NSW). The fires started in Queensland, then spread to Northern NSW and to the Northern Territory.

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The Northern Territory bushfire started on the 15th of September 2019. This bushfire season is expected to last until 2020.

Bushfires are a cause for concern as they threaten human and animal lives and damage the environment. So far the current bushfires in Queensland, Northern NSW and the Northern Territory have resulted in 770 emergency calls to the triple-0 hotline. 27 people have been injured.

Sadly 15 people died in the Black Friday Bushfires in 1939 and 173 people died in the Black Saturday fires of 2009. Thousands of hectares of land were destroyed and wildlife lost their homes or lives.

As the bushfire season starts, we all need to be bushfire ready. The NSW Rural Fire Service advises the following steps to be safe during the bushfire season:

1. Discuss what you are going to do in the event of a fire.
2. Be prepared if you need to evacuate.
3. Keep your plan in a safe folder on your phone to refer to in an emergency.

School Toilets Should Be Cleaner In Australia!

By Chloe



them including: dirty walls and floors, blocked toilets, cracking windows, overflowing sinks and leaking taps. This is only a short list of common problems that occur in the toilets. Come on, students in Australia deserve better!

Many students have said that they do not feel comfortable in their school toilets, while some students have also admitted that they try to avoid going to the toilet during school hours if possible.

Students feeling uncomfortable about the school toilets is not a new thing. In fact, students have reported and spoken to their school so much that recently one school did a complete makeover on their toilets. It started off at Cheltenham Girls' High School in Sydney and now Sorrento Primary School in WA has also done a complete renovation on their facilities. They added positive reinforcement messages using students' ideas and suggestions. One message says NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. The motivation is right there: CLEAN TOILETS ARE POSSIBLE! Brighter colours have been added as well.

The idea to make toilets more welcoming started with a lady called Dannielle Miller, who used to be a school teacher and saw how gross the toilets could be. She went across Australia collecting data and found out that around 80% of school students said that their school toilets were so utterly unpleasant that they tried their utmost to avoid them completely! You see while the toilet facilities have come a long way in the last century, from going to an outdoor 'dunny' with no way to flush to today's toilets, things could undeniably still be better. This is particularly the case in government



When you think of a nice, clean and enjoyable place that you visit, you probably do not think of the school toilets. They do not give off that happy sort of vibe while being in there. No-one can blame you for despising school toilets, as there are a lot of reasons to dislike

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funded public schools across Australia, where having enough money to make beneficial changes is often hard to find.

If schools across Australia, one by one, raised money for a makeover for their school toilets it could slowly become a REALITY and not just a DREAM! Schools should also persuade the state and federal governments to donate money towards the makeovers. Making school toilets cleaner and more pleasant would benefit children who instead of trying to hold on, could concentrate on their learning instead.

By improving the toilet facilities there would also be other benefits. If school toilets were more pleasant it would encourage the students from the youngest to the oldest to not damage them. With the result of this it would also mean there would be less students telling the teacher about overflowing sinks or blocked toilets. This would free up teachers' precious time so they can focus on planning lessons which will provide the opportunities students need to get the best education achievable.

By renovating and doing a makeover on school toilets the overall impact and outcome would without doubt have positive results for all concerned! Do not be afraid to voice your opinion about the appalling state of your school toilets by talking to your class representative and principal so that your seven years at primary school are memorable ones for the right reasons!

The Real History of V Sets

By Joseph W



In 1981, history was made when the first batch of V Sets came out. Now, 38 years later, V Sets are as good as new. In 2019, I can give you the full history of V Sets from 1981-2019. Let's start with V Set target plates. I'm talking V Sets from 1-51. Their history is long when it all started in 1991, just a bit later than DCM and DCT, DIM and DIT carriages came out and attached onto other V Sets to make more V Sets. DJM carriages were made a little later, with the rest of the DIT carriages. DKM and DKT carriages were the last batch, with DKM8145 and DKT9191 the last DK series carriages to roll out. That's how V Sets were made from 1-51.



Now let's move on to the carriage numbers. Today, there are nine types of V set carriages. DJM carriages range from 8093-8138. DIM carriages range from 8038, 8040-8092. DIT cars range from 9105-9184. DKM and DKT carriages range from 8139-8145 and 9185-9191. DTM8036 and DCM8032 are still in service as the oldest running carriages. DCT and DTD carriages are mixed from 9031-9033 and 9035-9044. The odd carriage out is DET9216, which used to be DCT9034 on V2.

Let's now talk about where they go. There are two main lines. They are a common sight on the Blue Mountains Line between Central and Katoomba, Mount Victoria & Lithgow. They also run express services between Newcastle Interchange and Central Station.

Unfortunately, V Sets also had a disaster, one at Mount Victoria where V Sets V40 and V48 collided and two cars were taken off each set. Now, V48 has carriages DJM8129, DIT9115, DKT9187 & DKM8141, which were from V40. V40 now has DJM8113 and DIT9147 from V48 and its normal carriages, DKT9190 and DKM8144.

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Now, the timeline of the V Sets. This is where all of the history of V Sets come from - it's all in this timeline.

1981: V Sets come out

1983: Second Batch of V Sets come out

1987: 3rd & 4th Batch of V Sets come out

1991: Last batch of V Sets come out

1995: V Sets get CityRail Intercity Livery (Theme used by paint)

2005: V Sets get Blue & Yellow Intercity Livery

2014: First V Sets have NSW TrainLink Livery

Late 2018: All V Sets have NSW TrainLink Livery, with V44 the last set to get it.

Bike injuries and safety

By Oliver L

Disclaimer! Riding bikes is healthy and enjoyable. This is just about the dangers of riding but don't get too scared to ride because it's fun!

Adults always encourage children to ride a bike but the sinister paths don't always agree. Most of us have a wonderful time riding, though other people's fun ended abruptly with tragedy. The thrill of speeding around on a bike turned into speeding to the hospital. Innocent children such as Ted, Alfie and Ruskin became victims of the harsh world as they rode on their bikes (not together all at once; all injuries were at different times).

Ted was speeding along the footpath and having fun on his bike when he hit a crack in the path. Ted went flying

and injured his chin on the road. He received stitches at the hospital.

Alfie was riding his bike at a school bike ride excursion when, on the way back, his back wheel got caught in a gap of concrete. He fell off his bike and hit the ground hard, fracturing his arm. He was lucky no one rode over him as they passed by.

Ruskin was teaching his youngest brother how to ride a bike. Though it seemed straightforward because he was riding a small bike, he fell off, scraping his arm. Luckily he didn't need medical care apart from a band-aid.

Unfortunately the majority of the falls happened because of the councils lousy path maintenance.

INJURIES

Canterbury Public School isn't getting off the hook unscathed. A while ago when Michael was learning how to ride his bike at his grandma's house, tragedy struck. "Everything was going nice and smoothly until my dad suggested riding on the concrete. I was scared and thought I would fall. It was a smooth two minutes and I had mastered balance. All of a sudden I saw a car coming. I lost control of my bike so I called for help but it was too late. I hit the curb and went flying. When I landed, I noticed there was a stick through my hand. I passed out. When I woke up my dad had pulled the stick out and bandaged my hand."

Lucy has injured herself plenty of times on bikes but this is her favourite story. "This happened when I was



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trying to turn and I wasn't watching where I was going and I ran into a stick. I fell off my bike onto the grass and thankfully didn't get injured."

Our final experience is by Abdullah. "I was riding my bike outside my house when my brother drove his remote control car into my bike. I fell and broke my arm".

SAFETY ON BIKES

Helmets are a big part of safety. But do you know the checks to make sure your helmet is on tight enough? Put two fingers above your eyebrow as though you are saluting. Your helmet should be just above your fingers. Another trick is where you place your two fingers under your chin. Just below your fingers is where your helmet strap should be. When riding down hills hold the brake so you can easily stop if a car or anything is at the bottom. Keep an eye on your path.

Stay safe, have fun riding and credit to my dog who trampled over my computer keyboard as I typed!

Gold Boy

By Hervey



"Jake, JAKE!" I awoke to my mother's voice bursting my eardrums. She looked worried. Something was up.

"We have to get to Hillend before 6:30 when it gets dark so get up, pack your bag and let's get going!" she boomed.

We got into the car. Mum was still looking like she was in a hurry. She was huffing and puffing like she just ran a marathon. Eventually the car started and we were on our way. We were on the road and we were going fast. We had to pick up another family who were joining us for our trip to Hillend. It was my friend Daniel and we were going to have more fun together.

To be continued...

The Temple Part 1

By Mabel

I heard a trickling sound from above me. I had no idea where I was and who I was with. I put my hands over my eyes and sighed, then, realising that it was too dark, slowly slid them over my head and down my back. I opened my backpack that had been thrown in with me. I reached in and felt around until I grabbed a small, hard cylinder. I pulled out the torch and turned it on, shining it around everywhere. I was in a small room, with vines hanging everywhere down the walls. It didn't seem like it had been very long since it had happened.

It had happened quite by accident. I was exploring, looking for a rare creature that people had described as "strong, fast and huge," something that sounded a bit like Hulk crossed with a Velociraptor. I was just wandering around when I bumped into something rocky and hard. I looked up and saw a huge temple, covered from floor to ceiling with ivy. I decided to go inside and have a look around. I looked around for a door but I couldn't see one anywhere. Then I spotted a small barred window up on the second floor and wondered if I could get up there using my rope with a metal hook on the end. I pulled it out of my backpack, swung it over the window ledge and pulled it tight. Then I climbed up carefully. When I got to the top I pulled out my pocket knife and cautiously cut a hole in the bars. Finally, I pulled up the rope, put it in my backpack and jumped down into the temple.

The room was dark and I could hear a 'drip, drip,

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drip,' coming from somewhere above. I still couldn't see a thing so I switched on my torch and made an exclamation. All around the room lay boxes and bags and sacks of gold and diamonds and gems and all other kinds of valuable things! I began to get excited. Had I just made a scientific discovery? Was I going to be famous? Was I going to be RICH?! Then I suddenly looked closer at the treasure and stepped closer in surprise. There wasn't even a speck of dust on any of the boxes or bags! How strange! Then I suddenly had a thought. Could this mean...

"Who's there?!" A sudden voice made me jump. Two men came into the room, strong and fierce with huge muscles. "I...I..." I stammered, knees trembling. The men suddenly grabbed me and pulled me into a small cell, and before I could escape, they locked the door and left me there. And that's how I got here, basically.

I sat in the darkness, wondering how I was going to get out. What was going to happen to me? Was I going to be here forever? How was I going to survive? More importantly, what was going to happen to all those diamonds and gold?

Just then, I heard the door unlock. It slammed open with a 'BANG!' and one of the men stormed in with something in his hand. "Hold your arm out!" he boomed, his voice shaking the walls. Trembling, I did as he told me to. I suddenly saw what was in his hands: a needle! The man bent down towards me and stabbed the needle into my arm, like it was a sword. "Help!" I screamed. To be continued...

Why the booing for Steve Smith? By Leo

Most if not all of Australia knows about the ball-tampering scandal that involved captain Steve Smith, vice-captain David Warner and Cameron Bancroft. That was a very bad event and I am ashamed of what happened. He is a very good player and I don't know why he would try and cheat to win.

What I am most ashamed of is, in the first and second test of the Ashes, when Steve Smith was coming onto the field to bat and when he made a century, people were booing him. I think that is a disgrace. People are booing someone because he did something wrong a whole year ago. I think that is just wrong. No one should be booed because they did something wrong a long time ago. Clearly people don't know how to enjoy cricket the way they're meant to. But then again, booing for some people is just a way of enjoying sports however sometimes it can really affect the person who is being booed. For example, Adam Goodes who was deeply upset when he was booed for pointing out a spectator who called him a highly offensive word.

So who is booing Steve Smith? The English are definitely a good team and they have good, fair supporters. I can understand why they would want to boo him. But why would Australia want to boo their own player?

I can tell you, we do have the answer to the question of why they were booing him. They were booing him because they wanted to have some nice old sporting fun.

So, back to what I said before about some spectators not knowing how to enjoy cricket the proper way. Hopefully in future Ashes series people will not boo players.



Canterbury's Got Talent! Let's Show It Off!

By Daniela



Get your show on! Get perseverance, positivity and have fun when you read this article on hosting talent shows!

Talent shows are awesome, awe-inspiring and help with education. There are a lot of great dancers at this school. Maybe if we do more talent shows, it can make people learn new things, motivate students to try new talents and it can be interesting and fun for the audience. It would also help and show people that are starting so they can learn new skills and try new interests. What about other talents? Magic? Jokes? Singing? Instruments? Multicultural?

Talent shows build resilience. Try, try and try again. Trying is a better option than giving up. If you give up on one thing, you can't just say, "Well, I give up! I'll do something else instead." Wrong attitude. Trying then giving up on something you love and going in another direction isn't going to help you to gain a talent. Just keep trying and you will suddenly get better at one thing.

I also think that we should have a snack bar so that if people get hungry, they can get a snack from the snack bar for a fundraiser for Year 6. Lastly we should add our own hosts like Scarlett and Rato.

That's why we should have Talent Shows more often at Canterbury Public School.

My Favourite Nepali Food By Shreya

Nepal is a small country in South Asia. My favourite food from Nepal is chicken chow mein. The noodles are thin but not curvy. This recipe is from my mum. I like the flavour and my family enjoys it every Saturday.

INGREDIENTS

250g egg noodles
200g chicken.
1 cup of cabbage
½ cup of capsicum
1 tsp garlic
1 tsp of ginger
¼ cup onions
¼ cup carrots
2-3 green chillies
½ tsb salt
½ tsb soy sauce
½ tsb garam masala
½ tsb red chili powder
2 tsp green sauce



METHOD

1. Cook it in a big frying pan.
2. Cook the chicken in a frying pan first.
3. Then add ginger, garlic & onions with the chicken.
4. Then add the rest of the vegetables, spices and sauces.
5. Finally add the egg noodles.
6. When it smells good it is ready.

The real future of trains By Toby

Everyone talks about how bad old trains are. They're wrong. They're quite good. Do people listen? No, they don't and all we get are newer trains.

Now people are complaining about V sets (double deck intercity) and all we get are NIFs (New Intercity Fleet). They are new and have 10 carriages. They have seats in rows of

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two on each side and that is why they need 10 carriages.

In my opinion, I prefer the older ones because they just feel classic and original.

People have also been complaining about double decker suburbans and we get Waratah Series 2.

To be continued...

Master Tech

By Kaspar

I think we should have levitating shoes so we can float around.



The shoes would have an electric magnet and a switch. The switch would make an umbrella go up and some scrapers appear so that the leaves on the ground would not break the magnetic force between the shoes and the earth.

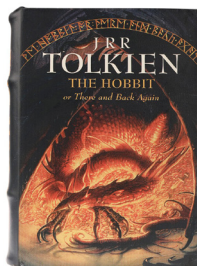
The Hobbit

Book review by Tobias

The main character: Bilbo Baggins. 13 dwarves: Ori, Nori, Dori, Dwallow, Ballin, Owen, Glóin, Thorin, Bif, Bof, Bomba, Kili and Fili. Wizard: Gandalf. Trolls call the hobbits, 'Brhobbits.'

Bilbo Baggins goes on an adventure to the Lonely Mountain. On his adventure he runs into several bad guys. Will any of them survive?

If you enjoyed this book by JRR Tolkien, or like the sound of this book after reading my review, you will LOVE, yes absolutely LOVE, The Lord of the Rings!



Should We Have More Playtime at School?

By Sienna



Having more playtime at school would give you more time to finish your lunch, go to the canteen, go to the bubblers, play and get more exercise and go to the bathroom.

A lot of people do not get to finish their lunch and waste some of their playtime eating.

People lining up at the canteen to spend money on things like frozen juice, jelly as well as ice blocks have to wait quite a while lining up and then waste more playtime eating!

If there was more playtime you could run around for a lot longer, get more exercise and increase your fitness.

If you run around a lot during playtime, you would get really thirsty. If there was more playtime you would have more time to go to the bubblers.

Finally, how is going to the bathroom and playtime related? If you drink a lot of water from the bubblers and then run around you would obviously need more time to go to the bathroom. If there was more playtime you would stop going to the bathroom during lessons which is disruptive!

That is why schools should have more playtime.