

General themes that came through in the student survey is that if there is to be a uniform it should be relaxed.

Children years 1 – 6 pooled

No further comment - 15

Pro mufti - 10

- school uniforms suck (sorry he's only a young one and this is his comment on the issue)
- I don't want a uniform because it means I will have to get changed for sports, skatepark etc... after school.
- I find lots of clothes are uncomfortable. At home I have a few things I like to wear. If I have to wear clothes that make me uncomfortable I feel sad.
- I just like to wear my own clothes.
- I like to choose and wear my own clothes.
- To be honest I think the cost is too high and I don't like the design. I think poor Kids might get bullied for Not having right uniform. I used to wear gumboots to school all the time and think kids should be able to wear what they want to school.
- im quite happy with things the they are. i dont support a uniform in any way.
- Mum and Dad already bought me clothes, don't need a dumb uniform
- Uniforms Suck
- I don't like uniforms.

Pro uniform - 6

- I fully support the uniform and I think it's a brilliant decision to bring it in.
- I drive my mum mad choosing clothes for school, we want a uniform.
- I like it because you don't have to pick what you wear.
- I like the uniform
- This is a great thing.
- I think the school uniform looks cool and I would like to wear it. I really like hoodies so it would be cool if there was a hoodie also. I really like the colour, they are my favorite colours. I think the cap looks cool and I would wear it. Also I like the bucket hats, they are cool.

Style / clothing - 6

- If we do get a uniform I would like to be able to wear [tights or shorts](#) please.
- I like [short shorts](#)
- From <removed>: I would prefer a [dark blue](#) top, like the current school t-shirts, to a light blue top.
- If there is a uniform, my sister <removed> would prefer [choose your own bottoms](#) because she doesn't want to wear scratchy, baggy bottoms. She prefers [bike shorts or tights](#) as she finds them more comfortable (she didn't write this on her survey). I also think the [PE shorts should be a dark colour](#).
- Why is there only a boys uniform, not a girls one?
- I would like to have a [PE uniform](#) like there is now. I'm looking forward to having one in year 7.

Other - 4 interestingly they cover the other topics in survey

- If we do get a uniform can we make sure there is an option to purchase from places like the warehouse? Or some part payment system
- I'm afraid if we have uniforms kids will find something else to bully other about and it will be meanier than teasing about their clothes

- Is there a dress code now? What is the punishment for not wearing the dress code? Is the punishment going to be different for not wearing the uniform?
- I feel that junior school would not benefit from a uniform as young children and not concerned particularly with what they wear. Middle and senior school appearance becomes a bigger deal and to help take the focus away from what someone wears in order to Excel and focus at school, I feel a uniform may help to aid this.

Parental comments - 3

From her mother, <removed> (I forgot to put this on my survey). I think that having [light PE shorts seems unwise](#) as they will show mud and grass stains more easily than a dark colour would.

Based on what I've read I'm unconvinced a uniform will achieve what is trying to be achieved. It will only hide the problems we're trying to solve. The kid who gets bullied now for not wearing the 'correct' clothes will get bullied for not wearing their uniform the 'correct' way. Kids affiliated with gangs will find ways to signal that affiliation. Telling a person what to wear does not make them feel they belong. If we can successfully foster an environment that the kids feel safe in, one in which they feel listened to and supported we will see the change. Foster an environment where the kids see opportunities and not barriers and you'll achieve what you want to achieve. Based on what I heard at the hui last week the school has the right vision, the right goals and the right people to achieve the desired cultural change. I can see an argument for kids being provided uniforms when representing the school off site such as sporting or cultural events. But these should be provided as a badge of honour not as a financial burden. I believe forcing kids to dress a certain way will be papering over the cracks when we should be focused on providing them solid foundations.

The board has demonstrated an appalling lack of transparency in this process. They should have FIRST had a consultation with the public to see if there was sufficient support for a uniform BEFORE proceeding to have one designed and announce an implementation plan. For the board to state (as they did at the meeting) that they can implement a uniform irregardless of public opinion is also mis-guided and most disappointing. They seem to have no regard for process, policy and community. The board is elected to represent the interests of the public of the school, not dictate their own interests. Specific to the topic of uniforms, I personally find school uniforms an example of obsolete colonial culture. We are supposed to be living in a world of freedom of expression. No good can come from this type of forced conformity. This is a step backwards. At the meeting arguments were made about time spent choosing clothes in the morning and gang colours as reasons for a uniform. Those problems have their own solutions in which uniforms/conformity should play no part. Claiming that uniforms will help save time in the morning is a total cop-out. These people want their children to be conformists but they want someone else to be the 'bag guy' enforcing it (the school). Parents have every right to impose a dress code on their own child but no right to impose a dress code on my child.

Years 7 & 8

Find it interesting that the spelling errors in the word uniform are correlated to the No uniform answers. This indicates that either there is a sex bias (girls are better spellers) and thus boys may not want a uniform more than girls. Or that there is a dyslexic effect. Dyslexia is correlated with high creativity, and I would expect creative people to be less likely to want a uniform. Another possibility is that parents helped those children who wanted a uniform, and those children left to undertake the survey themselves choose the No uniform option.

Also positive to see 'silly' comments. This means that the answers were created by the student, not the parent. I almost didn't copy the recipe into the data, but figured for completeness it should be included.

No further comment - 17

Pro mufti - 8

- no uniform please
- NO UNIFORM!
- no one wants to pay for a trash uniform
- i do not want unerforms
- i hate unifoms
- i have had a unirform and its not fun
- I don't like the school uniforms because the cost too much and kids cant have their freedom in their clothing choices. It will be hard to find friends in different classes because everyone will be wearing the same clothes so basically I don't agree to school uniforms.
- I would not like a uniform. I like to express my individuality and be unique through what I wear.

Pro uniform - 5

- I think we need a uniform.
- I would kinda want uniforms.
- i would want a uniform
- Would like to see the uniform implemented as soon as possible, preferably in Term 2.
- its cool [note this assumes that uniforms are cool, not its cool I have nothing more to say]

Other - 3

- What will the cost be for the uniform and where will we buy them from
- In all the uniform choices in our year do we get to pick out what we were
- i don't really mind a uniform if it was a [top and your own bottoms](#) and price wise cheap. And whatever shoes you want or no shoes at all. Also i don't think it fair if the kids that are leaving have to buy a uniform costing minimum \$350 for 2 terms. And i know me and my family cannot support that for 2 children and one for only two terms . from <removed>

Silly comments -3 [note the recipe is quite funny, I can't figure out if it was deliberate!]

- DOUGH: Yeast Activation: Place yeast, sugar and water in a small bowl. Mix, then set aside for 10 minutes until it becomes foamy. Place flour, cornflour and sugar in a stand mixer bowl fitted with a dough hook. Mix briefly to combine. Add yeast mixture, oil and water. Mix on low speed for 3 minutes until a smooth ball of dough forms. It should be soft and elastic, not so sticky it gets stuck all over your hands. Adjust with a touch of flour/water if required to get the dough consistency right. Cover with cling wrap and place in a warm dry place for 2 hours until it doubles in volume. (Note 3). Meanwhile, make Filling. Remove cling wrap, scatter over baking powder. Return to stand mixer and mix on low for 2 minutes.

Turn dough out onto work surface, sprinkle with flour. Knead lightly to form a smooth round disc. **MAKING BUNS (WATCH VIDEO):** Cut dough into 4 pieces. Take one piece, roll into an even log, cut into 3 pieces (so 12 pieces in total). Take one piece of dough, cover remaining with cling wrap or tea towel. Roll into round 4.5" / 11 cm in diameter, making the edges thinner. Place dough in hand, put 1 1/2 tbsp of Filling in the centre. Pinch 8 pleats around the edges. Then gather the pleats together one by one to seal the bun. Pinch the top the twist. Repeat with remaining dough - make 12 in total. Cover buns loosely with cling wrap and leave in a warm place for 15 minutes. **STEAMING:** Line a large bamboo steamer (or other steamer) with parchment paper punctured with holes (Note 4). Place 6 to 8 buns on paper, cover with steamer lid. Pour about 4 cm / 1 1/2 inches in a wok / pot (steamer should not touch water) and bring to rapid simmer over medium high. Place steamer in wok, then cook for 12 minutes. Check water halfway through, top up if required. Buns are ready when they spring back when touched, and the buns have formed a smooth skin. Remove steamer from wok, serve warm! **FILLING:** Heat oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add eschalots and cook for 2 minutes. Add sugar, soy sauce, oyster sauce, sesame oil and water. Mix. While stirring, slowly pour cornflour mixture in. Mix until smooth. Stir in pork. Cook until sauce is thickened, 1 - 1 1/2 minutes (see video for consistency). Set aside to cool (thickens when cools).

- get reck rolled
- guiogbdiofhgfiojhnsdrop

Style - 2

- A [school hoodie](#) if you want one
- If I could choose, I would have a [hoody or a crew neck](#). Our [own pants and shorts](#) and any shoes. A [collared button up T shirt](#) if we have to have a shirt

Juniors Years 9 & 10

No further comments - 20

Silly comments - 6

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- ??????????????
- littles
- hi
- hiiihttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQiii [note: This was a rick roll]

Pro mufti - 5

- I do not think that a uniform should be in our school. One of the reasons people come to this school is because they don't have to wear a uniform. Taking that privilege away from our school is taking away part of the schools uniqueness.
- Im perfectly happy not wearing a uniform.
- No uniforms
- This is one of the most half baked ideas in the history of teachers having bad ideas
- Occasionally I notice when my friends/peers are of a low-income family. They don't wear branded clothing, and although it never comes between us, the thing that I am worried about when it comes to the uniform is the cost for these low-income families. The impact that this is going to have on them is phenomenal, especially if these families have two or more children enrolled at Raglan Area School. Also, if the punishments for wearing anything other than the uniform are harsh and sometimes go a little too far it will be impossible for a student in a low-income family to come to school happy, knowing that they are under constant watch for their 'actions' and they can do nothing to help it. Another one of my concerns is my friends who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community. personally, I am not LGBTQ+, but I do enjoy wearing clothing that expresses my personality. if a uniform is implemented, how will my bisexual, transgender and non-binary friends be able to express themselves? I can only IMAGINE what it must be like putting on the SAME shirt every day and looking the same and wearing the same colour as every other person in your school.

Pro uniform - 4

- Go ahead it is needed
- Goodluck! Keeping it simple and affordable would be great as we have to buy everything new. I think green is a better colour choice and collared button up shirts for the seniors and sun hats for the
- i want them
- personally i think we should have a school uniform because it will save stress in the morning for getting dressed and that we should be able to wear any foot wear in black and we could wear what ever hats we wanted. Thanks from <removed>

Style - 3

- How can you wear the uniform as a girl, (Can you make the skirt shorter.) [note I checked this, since I thought it might have come from a boy, but it did come from a woman, so a serious question]
- please make them look nice :)
- Students are able to wear [whatever shoes they want?](#)

Age - 3

- i don't think year13s should have to wear a uniform. because it should be a privilege of making it into year 13.
- I feel as though the year 0-6 should have a more basic uniform, for example a shirt and shorts and year 7-10 having a full uniform excluding blazers, and year 11-13 should have full uniform including blazers.
- I think the uniform shouldn-t be implementend at R.A.S. I like the idea of P.E uniform. I think that the yrs 0-6 shouldn't have uniforms.

Other - 3

- if there is a uniform when will it be released?
- what or will there be a punishment for students if not wear correct uniform?
- i am in [favor of a proper pe uniform](#) for when we go to other school or other schools come here to compete

Seniors years 11- 13

No further comment – 18

all good [note: this comment could be read as no further comment, or that all good means uniforms are good. It reads to me as - all good no further comment]

Pro mufti – 8

- no uniforms please
- i don't like uniforms
- Pointless to have a uniform
- I think the implementation of a uniform removes the individuality and uniqueness of our kura and turns our kura into a herd mentality
- Overall I do not support the implementation of uniforms at Raglan Area School. I view it as an attack on the students individuality, and have not been provided with a legitimate reason as to why they are necessary.
- Please no, I'm begging. Im typing this in tears , I will drop out if there is a school uniform. Pleaseeeeeeee don't make us. It will not increase my sense of belonging, but only make me feel as if I can't express myself and am being controlled. I already feel as if I belong and love RAS the way it is. All my friends think the same as me.
- a lot of students families obviously do not have a lot of money to blow on a uniform, if one standard uniform is around \$300-\$500 they can get a lot more clothes for school than just the singular outfit. also i feel this would push raglan to becoming more of a standard city school, when we should be leaning towards the relaxed type of learning that is special to raglan, all while giving us a good education with no added stress.
- - Some students do not feel comfortable wearing any of the pieces of clothing provided on the proposed uniform pdf - I feel like most of us would feel more comfortable expressing ourselves through our clothes and wearing things that don't make us self-conscious. - Conformity being a negative aspect to society is our English focus for the year, yet the board and some staff want us to conform and take away our self - expression, which is a confusing mixed message to us. - From what I've seen, students tend to feel more themselves when wearing what they like, therefore forcing a uniform could result in unhappiness and may even worsen mental health in some, if not a lot of cases, considering that a lot of students deal with mental health issues already. - It is stated on the pdf that all clothing options are unisex / gender neutral. However, lots of pieces of clothing are identified as "girl's" or "boy's". This is problematic because many people at this school do not identify as a binary gender (male/female) and having to choose between binary labels can be very dysphoric for a lot of these individuals, which can ultimately lead to added stress and a sense of not belonging. - Adding a rain jacket is just unnecessary. Most of us have rain jackets. It is just a waste of money. - Uniforms take away our rights to free education. - School uniforms can hurt student's self image and/or confidence. - Uniforms will not prevent bullying. Some students will not be able to purchase the up to date PE uniform, or accepted types of shoes at the same time as those with more money, causing them to be easy targets for teasing or bullying, a form of trauma if it escalates. People could also be teased for how their bodies fit the uniform. The way our school should tackle bullying is by not ignoring it at break-times or during classes. This could effectively lessen casual teasing, bullying, and the uses of slurs. - After looking into this issue in depth, I found a common statement supporting pro uniform beliefs: Students can stand out because of their character and not their clothes. This is assuming that all students have bold, extroverted personalities. For introverted students like myself, expressing ourselves through style and clothes silently is easier and more comfortable for us as students of this school. Thank you for the student inclusion in this survey and considering our points of view.

Other - 8

- will it be red and black
- A partial uniform would suit our school much better.
- how do you intend on supporting and providing gender comfort for non-binary and trans students, should the uniform be implemented?
- i don't mind ether way is fine with me
- I hope bulling won't increase.
- This is not raglan, this a desicion been made by two or three certain board members who also chose to oust mr Cox and it is a poor decision which is not better for raglan
- We should be [allowed jewelry and piercings of choice.](#)
- We should be allowed to wear [jewelry, nail polish, and piercings of our choice](#)

Age related - 3

- as a year 13 student i don't believe we should buy a uniform for attending the school for one year, as it is a lot of money on a uniform when for the past 13 years we have been wearing our individual clothes. Although, if a uniform was to be in place, i would agree that it would be good for the younger kids to have a uniform but exclude the year 13's as its their final year.
- I don't think that Year 13 students should be required to wear a uniform, as it is their last year at school
- I think year 13 students should not have to wear the uniform (which is also what is applied in some other schools) as a privilege of being in your last year at school. I do think the uniform would be good but i believe it would be nice to let the year 13s wear mufty.

Pro uniforms – 1 [Note if I was strictly following the rule of having more than two comments to get a heading, the comment below supporting uniform should be under other]

- Uniforms are much cheaper in the long run as the kids don't need many clothes. and it saves washing