Date

Dear Education Minister Hon James Merlino,

**Re: Girls uniform choices in [state schools] / [my daughter’s particular school] / [private schools]**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I understand how many letters you receive, and how busy you are.

I am grateful for the fact that your government updated the state Department of Education School Uniform Policy to mandate that shorts and pants must be made available for all girls in state schools.

[IF YOUR SCHOOL IS A STATE SCHOOL] Despite the fact that the updated document states that, ”**In particular, all schools must allow girls the option of pants and shorts in their dress code”**, my child’s school, [name of school] is still not providing a range of suitable options for the girls. [add more detail here about what is currently happening at your child’s school].

OR

[IF YOUR SCHOOL IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL] While this policy applies to state schools, I am aware that it does not apply to the private sector. This is unfortunate as it means that girls in Catholic and Independent schools are still being discriminated against. [add more detail here about what is currently happening at your child’s school if appropriate].

I am saddened that this discrimination is allowed to continue in [my daughter’s school] / [all private schools]. This letter is to request [**state here what you would like to happen. Do you want a meeting with the Minister or one of her/his representatives in the Department of Education? Do you want a written response outlining answers to your concerns? Ask for a clear, detailed response.]**

I know that you support the rights of girls and women, and I look forward to hearing from you the ways in which the Victorian government, and the Department of Education, plan to intervene to support [my daughter and the girls at her school] / [the rights of all girls in all schools].

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Name**

**Position** - let them know your influence here. Are you a coach? On a P&C?

An academic? A public health official?

Do you write or speak in the media? Are you a blogger?

**Contact details (email, address, phone number)**.