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The President
Duncraig Senior High School
School Council

Dear Mr President,

I am student in year eleven and I am concerned with the school's current uniform policy. I believe it contravenes the Equal Opportunity Act in that it prevents female students from wearing neat dress shorts of school colours. I have also written to the Equal Opportunities Commissioner to seek clarification from her.

From my observations, I believe there are many female students wanting to wear shorts. This belief is supported by a petition that was raised last year and was presented to the school. I understand this petition was considered by the council and rejected. However, nothing further was heard about this petition and the students are unaware of the response to it.

I support the wearing of a school uniform as I believe it helps create a school identity and breeds pride within the school community. However, I do not think the current policy is in line with the wishes of the majority of students (and probably their parents) nor that it reflects the current legal position concerning the issue of gender equity.

I suggest that the school uniform be changed to the following :

There be two types of dress requirements, one for school (general work environment) and one for the formal (school representation) occasions.

For girls, I believe the general school uniform should include dress shorts of mid-thigh length but exclude shorts which are tight, skimpy or of a different colour. The formal uniform could require a navy blue skirt.

I ask you to seriously consider this proposal and to make a decision on this matter this year so that it can be implemented at the beginning of next year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Coman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Amy Coman