Penshurst West Public School
Shoe Policy
Ratified by School Council

The NSW Department of Education and Training’s guidelines in relation to safety and footwear in school, under the ‘Occupational Health and Safety Requirements’ prohibit students participating in practical activities in school if not wearing substantial footwear deemed safe by the Department.

Unsafe shoes include those with openings; platform or high heels; shoes made from unprotective, open-weave materials such as canvas and cottons or similar; and other materials that do not provide adequate protection.

We at Penshurst West have developed a uniform policy in conjunction with the Department and its OHS guidelines, ensuring safety and comfort for our students.

School shoes are to be all black; the entire foot is to be enclosed by the shoe, including the upper section of the foot; the shoe is to have a stout sole and firm uppers; and, the shoe is to have low heels. Velcro shoes are acceptable.

This information is to help guide you with what shoes are allowed and what are not. We thank you for embracing and upholding our uniform policy.

Don’t forget: School shoes are to be all black; the entire foot is to be enclosed by the shoe, including the upper section of the foot; the shoe is to have a stout sole and firm uppers; and, the shoe is to have low heels.

School shoes are to be worn Monday - Thursdays for years 3-6 and sports shoes worn on Fridays for Sport.

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