COMPULSORY SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR TERRITORY STUDENTS

The Territory Government supports the introduction of compulsory school uniforms for Primary and Middle Schools students said Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling.

Mr Stirling says the Government will be writing to School Councils asking them to survey the opinion of the school community before making any final decision.

“The Government believes that school uniforms instil pride, respect and a sense of belonging to a community,” said Minister Stirling.

Mr Stirling said that uniforms would also remove an increasing source of tension in families about what students wear to school and the cost of those clothes.

“Since becoming Minister almost five years ago I have heard many concerns about what students wear to school. Many parents are facing real difficulties each day on this matter,” said the Minister.

“I am seeking a response from the school community in time to make the necessary legislative changes.”

“Government believes that compulsory school uniforms should not, however, apply to years 10, 11 and 12.”

The Territory Government has been helping parents to pay for school uniforms since 2006, when it introduced the $50 Back to School Payment.

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