



**Education Resources
Executive Director Jim Gilhooly
Hamilton Grammar School
Head Teacher: Graeme Sives**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Date:

21 September 2016

At the start of September I shared with you the steps that I had taken with colleagues to monitor and improve the school's agreed position on uniform. By way of an update, I am pleased to report that we have made excellent progress in this regard and would thank you for your support thus far.

I hope you will have noticed a much improved picture on this issue over the last few weeks. We now have very few students who do not possess a school blazer, shirt and tie and we are well down the road working with families on some of the perfectly legitimate reasons for any short term issues. It has been a very positive journey as we refresh a long standing position. As such, I write to ask for your assistance with the next phase of *ensuring that students are actually wearing their blazers* when in school, rather than squirrelling them away in rucksacks as some students do, some of the time. This creates a needless rigmarole when they are challenged by members of staff: invariably students have blazers in bags and do not need a gilt edged invitation from staff to wear them.

I would be grateful if you could revisit this message with your son/daughter(s) as it is our expectation that, on return from the long weekend, all students will be wearing their blazers around the school and will be monitored and challenged on this when entering the building. There should be no need to repeat this instruction over the course of the day. We will of course remain sensitive and apply common-sense to our daily interactions with individuals.

As Winter approaches, there is no issue with outdoor jackets being worn over blazers on the way to school if required. I would simply ask that such outdoor garments are taken off when entering the building and placed in lockers or inside rucksacks. It is a matter of personal choice for students if they wish to keep blazers on in classrooms but it is an expectation that they will move between classes with blazers on.

To sum up:

- Outdoor jackets off inside the building
- Blazers worn around the building
- Personal choice of blazer on/off inside classrooms

I hope that this clarifies the current position and that together we can consolidate the progress made over the last few weeks on this issue. I appreciate your positive comments and support on the matter already.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Sives'.

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