

## Acceptable Footwear

- The NSW Department of Education (DOE) clearly outlines footwear requirements in schools:



- 'Substantial footwear appropriate to a practical activity should be worn. Footwear such as thongs, open weave type shoes, soft slip on shoes, shoes with openings at toes or heels, mesh joggers, fabric shoes, shoes without a heel, platforms or high heel shoes should not be worn'. DOE website.
- This is DOE policy, under Workplace Health and Safety legislation.
- Blakehurst High School Uniform Code requires all students to wear solid, black, fully enclosed, safe, shoes. Parents need to be aware that there is an important Workplace Health & Safety aspect regarding the shoes your child wears at school. The school is not prepared to breach DOE policy.
- This applies to ALL students in Yrs 7 to 10, plus students in Yrs 11 and 12 studying Technology (Industrial Arts,

Visual Arts, Textiles & Food), Hospitality, PDHPE, Music and Science courses. If a student is required to enter workshops, kitchens, Textiles rooms, Science they **MUST** have a **SUBSTANTIAL PROTECTIVE** shoe that **COVERS** the top of his/her foot. 'Slip on' type footwear **DOES NOT** meet these requirements.

- All students participating in PE and School Sport are also required to wear a covered **LACE UP** sports shoe that is suitable for them to participate safely in their chosen activity.
- Please be aware that a student will not be allowed to participate in practical or sporting activities if the supervising teacher deems his/her

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footwear to be unsafe. In this situation, the student will be expected to carry out appropriate alternative work provided by their teacher.

- If a student repeatedly fails to complete mandatory practical activities, due to unsafe footwear (or any other reason), it can mean he/she does not meet all required outcomes in the relevant courses. This can have serious ramifications for Year 9-10 ROSA and HSC students (note that Technology is mandatory in Yrs 7 & 8, Science is mandatory in Yrs 7 to 10 and School Sport is also part of the Year 9-10 ROSA program).
- \*For more information please refer to school uniform policy on the Blakehurst High School website

Some examples of acceptable and unacceptable shoes are shown below.



Example of acceptable Sports Shoe



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