



Maitland High School



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RESPECT

SAFETY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child will be studying Mandatory Technology during Years 7 and 8. This includes substantial practical work both in the wood and metal rooms as well as in the kitchen. This means working with materials and equipment that can be hazardous if students are not wearing the correct protective equipment. For this reason, when purchasing new shoes over the school holidays, we would like you to purchase school shoes that meet the WHS requirements of the course and thereby reduce the risk of injury.

Students who are not wearing protective leather upper shoes in 2019 **will not** be permitted to do practical work. These students will be given alternative theory work and if the situation is not corrected the student may not be able to meet the skill and practical components of the course. Students in non-compliant footwear impact on the proper and efficient operation of practical classes by taking up valuable teacher time.

My aim in this letter is to give you accurate and timely information about proper footwear. It is critical to note that canvas shoes and ballet style flats are not acceptable.

Extract from current DEC policy *"It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear"*

The shoes below ARE suitable and meet WHS (OH&S) requirements at Maitland High School because;

- they have leather uppers,
- there are NO punched holes or mesh,
- they are NOT canvas, and
- they cover the upper part of the foot.

Some suitable shoes are shown below:



For further information please either phone the school or email me directly on:
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Financial assistance is available through the Student Assistance Scheme – please contact the principal.

Yours sincerely,

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