



# Otumoetai Intermediate School

## 2017 Footwear Requirements

In past years we have had a number of requests from parents to review our school regulations on footwear that would be acceptable at Otumoetai Intermediate School. This came about as a result of the variety being offered by shoe retailers as school shoes and to align our school with the requirements at our local secondary schools.

In addition many families were looking at ways to cut costs and purchase comfortable shoes that would be acceptable at school and could be used during family times.

We also consulted a representative group of students to gain their views on what students would find as appropriate footwear for use in our school. There was a unanimous view that the school should align itself with the colleges and allow for a greater variety of styles as long as the shoes enclosed the front of the foot and were safe for use in the hard materials and other technology classes.

We also received an overwhelming response from parents and students asking the school to include black canvas shoes as part of our school footwear regulations. After considering the reasons for this request, we made the decision to allow plain black canvas shoes at school but strongly encourage parents to buy black leather shoes wherever possible. Many students end up buying more than one pair of canvas shoes as they do not wear as well. Foot wear should be able to support students' feet, be waterproof and safe to use in the technology classes.

**Our 2017 requirements for shoes are:**

**Students must wear shoes with soles no thicker than 3cm and with the front of the foot fully covered. The shoes must be completely black with no logos or other insignia in another colour. Where shoes have laces they must also be black and done up. Boots (any footwear that comes over the ankle), high heeled shoes and sports type shoes with other colours are not acceptable.**

**Students may also wear the black shoes or mid brown sandals all year round. The school encourages parents to buy shoes made of leather for weather proofing and hygiene reasons, however, this is at parents' discretion.**

Below are photographs of shoes that are acceptable and recommended for school:



Henk Popping  
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