NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTWEAR REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Education states in the publication “School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools (2004)”, that under the occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 schools must ensure that students are not exposed to health or safety risks while they are on Departmental premises. The school has a duty to require students to wear appropriate footwear so as to avoid injury.

The DET policy “Chemical Safety in Schools (1999)” clearly states: “It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshops or laboratories”.

ACCEPTABLE STYLES: The school expects that students wear closed in leather, lace-up style shoes. They must cover the top of the foot and have a small heel. It includes the following types:

![Acceptable Shoe Styles]

STYLES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE: Students MUST NOT wear black soft “ballet” style shoes, open styled “Mary Jane” shoes, canvas shoes or any similar. It includes those shown below:

![Unacceptable Shoe Styles]