

## Uniform 2

### 1. Girls' Summer Uniform in the Fifties



Photo supplied by Elaine Picken. Thank you, Elaine.

Elaine Picken and Kathleen Corcoran model variations of the girls' uniform.

### 2. Girls' PE Uniform in the Fifties



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### 3. School Fashion 1952



#### **School Fashion (School Magazine 1952)**

Our reporter has visited Hemsworth Grammar School to make her annual report on the show of fashion. It was noticed that the latest length skirt is worn amongst the senior girls whilst the juniors faithfully stick to three inches above the knee.

An unusual show of scarves was seen this year, plaids, spots, stripes, checks and numerous other outstanding patterns. Here again the firsts and seconds stuck to the good old red and blue.

Among the boys there was an amazing display of colour. Firstly, the socks the predominating colour was yellow but several other loud colours, checks, spots, dots etc. were seen peeping below grey flannels. The shirts of the boys, too, caused some criticism. Several plaid ones were seen and here and there a pink, a blue, a green, a turquoise and even a mauve one (Apologies to J. Edwards, Esq.) Again, this was mainly the seniors, the juniors sticking rigidly to white or grey.

However, one thing remains unchanged. The good old girl's hat - alias "The thing". It is still perched precariously on the heads of seniors and stuck nearly over the eyes of the juniors.

The only consolation for the girls, it seems, is, on looking at certain members of staff, to dream of the day when they themselves will be teaching, have bags of money and look like someone who has stepped out of "The Vogue."

Mary Stansfield, 5A Price

### 4. Girls' Hats



Photo from Joyce Fox. Thank you, Joyce.

Maureen Appleton (left) and Joyce Fox model the girls' uniform in 1953/54.

### 5. Caps and Hats 1951 (Festival of Britain)



Photo from Roy Sault. Thank you, Roy.

### 6. Socks 1951



### 7. Summer Uniform for the girls?



Irene Wright models the summer uniform. Any comments about the dresses? Were they generally home-made or bought? Were there any regulations about the pattern?

## 8. School's Outfitters



Photo from Christine Whittaker. Thanks, Christine!

Who are the principal 1950s characters?

L-R: Arthur Street, Sheila Baker, Geraldine Walker and Christine Whittaker.

### **Theo Sawdon**

6, Bank Street, Hemsworth

Appointed outfitters to Hemsworth Grammar School (Boys)

### **W.H. Jackson**

Manchester House, Hemsworth

Official Supplier of uniforms for girls of Hemsworth Grammar School.

## 9. Blazers September 1952



The School Governors decided that pupils at Hemsworth Grammar School must wear blazers. Mr. R.W. Hamilton (Headmaster) said the years following the war were difficult, but for the past three years they had been trying to get down to some kind of uniform. Most of the boys were wearing grey flannel trousers and sports coats, but the latter differed greatly in colour. The suggestion now was that for the Summer Term at least children should wear blazers.

"I want your backing," he added, "because the minute this goes out as an instruction I shall get letters from parents."

The Chairman recalled a discussion that took place some time ago relative to

distinctive clothing. Several governors supported a parent who refused to clothe his girl in school uniform. "I think that any arguments that applied then," said the Chairman, have gone by the board."

Mr. Hamilton said that if they could say to children "You must have a blazer," it would mean giving them the next year to make the provision. Then parents of the new pupils would be told that blazers were a necessary article of equipment.

The Education Officer said that financial help could be given to parents who were in really poor circumstances although the scale was very low. Another governor said that most modern schools had uniform, which added dignity.

This article comes from Geoff Govier. Thank you, Geoff.

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This photo comes from Irene Wright. Thank you, Irene.