



# CORRIMAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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### “The Joys of a Growing School” - Uniform Shop Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Corrimal Public School is thriving. The school role has grown to require 10 classrooms in 2019 and a possibility of this number increasing for 2020 – what great news!

Just like your children, wonderful growth is often accompanied with a few growing pains. The P&C need to constantly evolve to allow for this and make sure our facilities and processes at the school can cope. As a result, we are proposing to outsource our Uniform Shop to “Poppets Direct” a 100% Australian owned family company founded right here in the Illawarra over 45 years ago..

At present, a portion of your P&C fundraising is being used to support the running of our onsite shop. We know you would rather have your donations and volunteer hours being used for the other numerous P&C subsidised events such as excursions, library books, playground equipment etc. Many other local schools, such as Tarrawanna, Corrimal East, Towradgi, St Columbkilles, and Mt Keira, are now also using Poppets Direct with great success. There are a wealth of benefits that come with outsourcing this service and we have outlined them below.

**Convenience:** Online Ordering! Yes, finally you would be able to buy uniform items online that can be delivered to ANY local address you specify whether it be your home, work or school and, in most cases, same day or next day delivery AND it's FREE!

**Local in Store Purchasing:** Poppets Direct have a shop located in Fairy Meadow that you could make your in store purchases from with the added benefit of supporting a local, family run company.

**Lay-by, Exchanges & Fitting Service:** You can put items away & pay them off with their lay-by option. If the cost of the uniform is stretching your family's budget, by contacting the school office, there are options here too. If you select the wrong size or items, exchanges are also easy made in store or via the school office. If your child isn't “standard” size, there is also a custom fitting service.

**Cost:** *We know this is a big one.....* The P&C Uniform shop 2020 prices were compared to Poppets Direct costs & we were pleasantly surprised. In most cases the price increase was less than \$5 per item. *A small price to pay for the ability to be able to order online at 10pm at night in your PJ's!*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Items:** The school will still support an option for you to donate & buy 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand uniforms.

**When is this happening?** Ideally we aim to have the entire uniform available for purchase online, and in store, at Poppets Direct by the very end of Term 1, 2020

So, in the words of Justin Beiber, “...it's a no brainer...” or it seems to be. A smooth transition is best for everyone. So we suggest you go on over to the Poppets Direct website <https://poppets.com.au> and have a look at how other schools are currently using this fantastic & convenient system and let us know what you think.

If you have questions, concerns or even just want to tell us you love the idea, we want to hear from you. Simply email us on [feedback@corrimalpspandc.org.au](mailto:feedback@corrimalpspandc.org.au).

We want to ensure that this proposal works for our whole school community.

Your Corrimal Public School P & C