

# School - Then and Now



Schools have changed a lot from the way they used to be in the past. If you think about a week at your school, what are the different subjects that you are likely to learn about? Reading, writing, maths, art, PE, music and heaps more? In the past, students learnt about these subjects too, but they also focussed on specific skills, like mending, sewing, book making, how to repair boots and lots of other things to help with everyday life.

**Do you think you could mend a pair of boots, or would your teacher know how to teach you how to do it?**

**In the past, uniforms were very uncomfortable compared to how they are now. Girls wore petticoats under long dresses or skirts and aprons over the top. Boys wore thick woollen jackets and pants. Lots of kids even went to school barefoot. Kids in the past didn't have heaps of different clothes like kids today have. They may have had only one everyday set of clothes and one good set of clothes to wear to church or on special occasions.**

**What do you think of your school uniform?  
Do you like the style or do you wish it was different?**

