
EVERYONE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO WEAR
THE UNIFORM
THAT MAKES THEM
COMFORTABLE.

NO ONE SHOULD
BE MADE TO
FEEL UNEASY,
ESPECIALLY WHEN
THEY'RE
AT SCHOOL.



GENDER
IS NOT
UNIFORM

WE SUPPORT GENDER DIVERSE AND TRANSGENDER STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOL. TRANSPHOBIA WILL NOT BE TOLERATED



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT GENDER DIVERSE STUDENTS

BE PREPARED

Get informed. There is a lot of literature and a range of agencies and resources available about gender diversity and transgender issues.

Take the opportunity to engage in the free professional development sessions for staff and tailored support that are offered by Safe Schools Coalition Victoria.

Check your policies – do you have a plan for supporting students to transition, as well as clear anti-bullying policies that include homophobia and transphobia?

Update your uniform policy to make sure it is inclusive of gender diversity, and make sure staff, students and families know about it.

GET ACTIVE

Don't wait for students to talk about being gender diverse, or to transition gender at your school; get active now!

Challenge all transphobic and homophobic language and behaviour. Make sure this is happening across the school.

Run workshops or classes for students on diversity, which include discussions of gender diversity.

Allow students to access a unisex toilet or the toilet of their choice.

Support student led activities, groups and actions to support gender diversity.

INCREASE VISIBILITY

Ask gender diverse students about which pronouns (e.g. he, she etc.) they would prefer and respect the answer you receive by making an effort to get it right.

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Make sure all of your sexuality education is inclusive and that positive discussions are facilitated about gender diversity.

Don't assume that you know the gender identity of all your students.

UPDATE POLICY

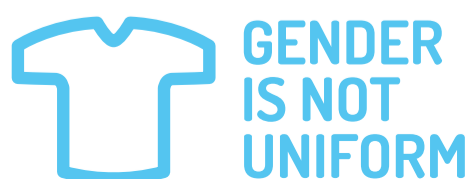
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Categorise uniform options by type rather than by gender, i.e. 'shirts', 'trousers', 'accessories', rather than 'boy's uniform' and 'girl's uniform'.

Enforce uniform standards equally, regardless of gender identity (e.g. hair length, make up, jewellery, short and skirt lengths etc).

Explicitly acknowledge transgender and gender diverse students in your school uniform policy, dress code, anti-discrimination and bullying policies.

Actively publicise your new school uniform policy (e.g. in your school newsletter, website, and reception area).



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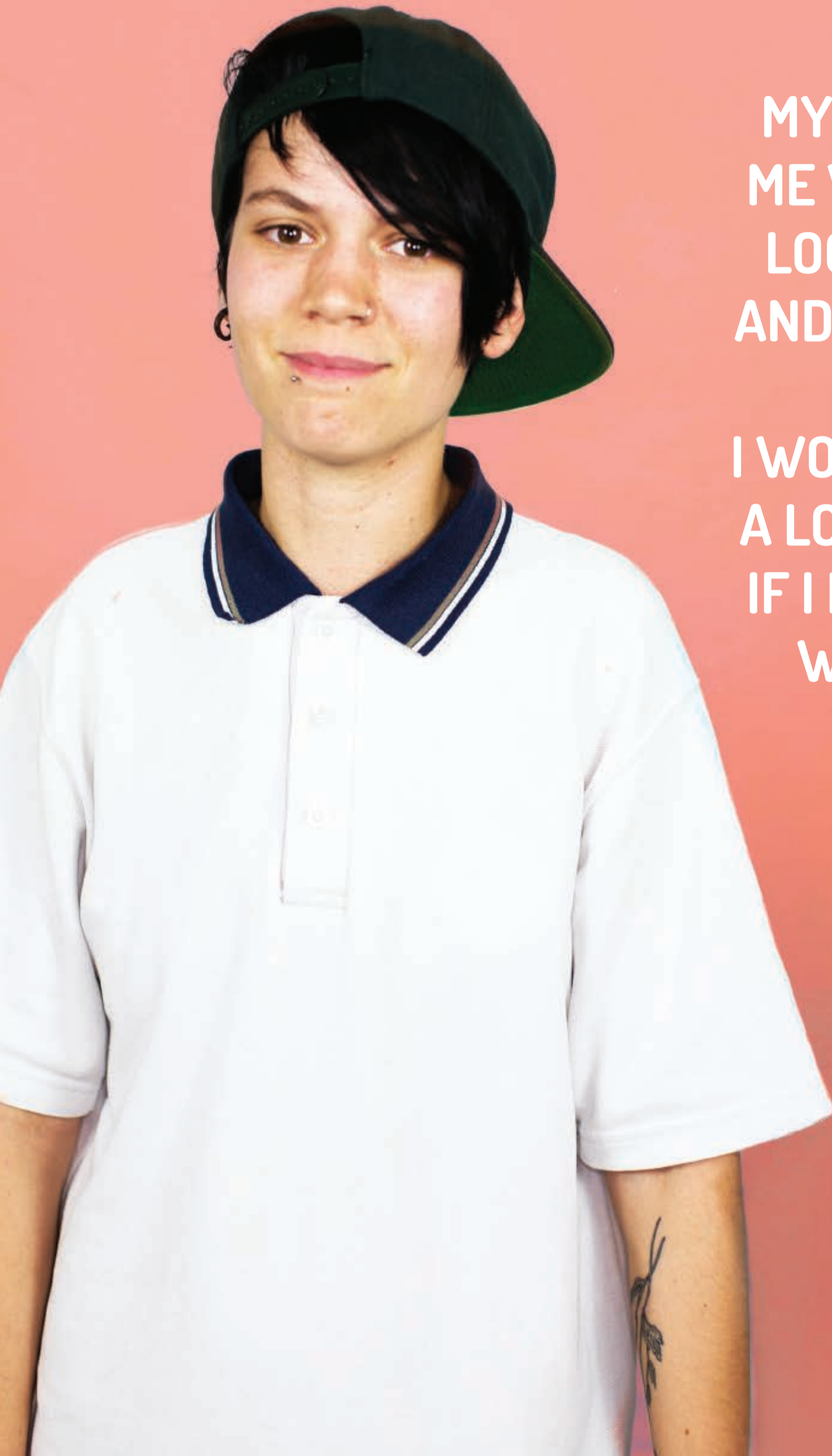
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MY SCHOOL MADE
ME WEAR A DRESS,
LOOK LIKE A GIRL,
AND HIDE WHO I AM.

I WOULD HAVE BEEN
A LOT MORE ACTIVE
IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO
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