## Are gender-specific skirt designs necessary in school uniforms?

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#### Genderless

Being free from fixed concepts and roles based on gender, allowing individuals to express themselves and live freely regardless of gender. It means respecting a way of life that is not confined by societal or cultural gender frameworks, treating everyone equally, and valuing gender-neutral living.



## Are gender neutral skirts Necessary?

With the growing awareness of genderless and LGBTQ+ issues, there may be male students who wish to wear skirts. Therefore, we conducted a survey on the necessity of "gender neutral skirts " that male students can also wear.

(Gender-specific designs refer to designs with details that vary according to different body types.)

# Survey Results and Analysis Do you think "gender-specific skirt uniforms" are necessary at Tamashima High

#### School?

first-year(7)

<u>second-vear(3</u>

third-year(6)

Parents and Staff

(15)

There are students, both male and female, who would use them, so they should be provided. They should be provided regardless of whether there are students who use them.

39

15.5%`

2.3%

Students: 161 Parents and Staff: 91 Total: 252

182

(72.3%)

- There are no male students who would use them, so they are not necessary.
- I don't know.

[From the Survey Results]

Male students wearing skirts might lead to coming out about their gender identity.

There is a possibility of it leading to bullying.

### Summary and Future Developments

It is most important for people around us to understand genderless concepts, as this is the quickest path to creating a diverse society.

• People should understand genderless and LGBTQ+ issues from a young age.

• Change is more likely to occur when influential people take the lead.

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