

# Jeans tops for school fashions

By KATE GILDERDALE  
There was a time, when the principal arbiters of fashion were adults. These days style spotters might just as well drop into their local public school to check out the current trends.

A tour of elementary schools provided an overview of this year's crop of styles. Much in evidence were jeans (mostly acid wash and stone wash), baggy sweatshirts, high and low cut brightly colored running shoes, worn by both boys and girls, denim mini-skirts, kilts, skinny and baggy pants and the ever-popular jean jacket, worn over just about anything. Sweat tops and pants are other all-round favorites.

Many boys sport short back and side haircuts, with the length on top, quite a number favor military style crew cuts. Although girls are wearing a wide variety of hairstyles, permed hair seems to be gaining in popularity, often on shoulder length hair.

Eleven-year-old Susan Robertson of Orchard Park Public School says all types of jeans are worn. "I also like very narrow knit pants and long, baggy sweatshirts and sweaters," she states. "Kilts are in and so are Converse high and low cut shoes. Roots and Northern Reflections are big too."

Katherine Killitzoglou, 11, also goes to Orchard Park and one of her favourite items this year is pants which fold over at the bottom to reveal tartan cuffs.

"People are wearing jean skirts and baggy sweatshirts and also striped shirts," she observes. She likes mini-skirts, but prefers to wear them in warmer weather. Her choice for footwear is loafers.

Eight-year-old Nadine Bopp, looking very fetching in a multi-colored jumpsuit, thinks jeans and mini-skirts will be popular this year.

"I got some running shoes and some of those black high cuts," she announced. "I like to wear pants and skirts and dresses to school." Joel Green, 8, sports black highcut shoes and his favourite clothes are sweat pants and sweat shirts.

"I like to wear tight pants, big sweat shirts and mini-skirts," observes Sarah Zeck, 12. "When

it gets cold we wear long skirts or pants and ankle socks."  
She and Rebecca Whelan, 11, agree that Beaver Canoe sweatshirts and Converse shoes are both big fashion items this year.

St. Mark's Kristen Whytall, 8, was wearing soft blue cotton pants and a matching jacket, which she got for the new school year.

She also has a new pair of striped red and white pants, with matching skirt. This year she has noticed that "new kinds of shoes, in all different colors," are popular with the students.

Her friend, eight-year-old Anne Maria Durante likes acid wash jeans and mini skirts. For Robert Rice, 10, "black acid wash jeans and Panther shoes" are two of his favourite accessories.

Big at Summitview Public School are blue jeans, knee-length kilts and slouch socks, advises Paige Maddock, 12.

"Penny loafers and Converse shoes in a lot of bright colors are being worn," she notes. "I wear pants most of the time and a skirt maybe once a week."

The emphasis at Dickson Hill is on oversize clothes, especially popular with students in Grade 4 and up.

Student Danielle Hilton, 8, has noticed quite a few jean skirts and says that dresses are popular with her friends. "Most of the time the boys wear sweat shirts and girls wear them too, sometimes. They're usually baggy," she notes.

## Singles to meet

Stouffville's new singles support group has established the last Tuesday of each month as its meeting night.

The group has been formed to offer support, as well as a social outlet, for those who are single again.

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