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### Aussie girls give thongs the boot

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Australian Shoe Fair: (from left) Michaela McDonough, Kira McDonough and Karran Gaffney. Picture: Nic Gibson. Source: The Daily Telegraph

**WHILE** the weather may be hot the ankle boot is hotter. Dismissed as a passing trend last winter, ankle boots have been embraced by previously thongs-wearing Aussie women, turning them from a passing trend to a wardrobe staple.

But don't think this means these boots have to be basic.

The brighter and bigger the better, industry insiders said.

Shoe label Estilo Emporio's Michaela McDonough said retailers should prepare for an explosion in boot sales.

"They're prominent in autumn/winter and with our climate they tend to work throughout the year rather than just seasonally," Ms McDonough said.

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