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DRESS CODE
(Approved October 2007)

The Code of
**School
Behaviour**

Better Behaviour
Better Learning

VISION

The wearing of a compulsory uniform provides students with a personal sense of belonging to a group. Our school uniform is a symbol which provides for students a way to represent their school, themselves and our community with pride and integrity.

BELIEF

The community of Lota State School hold the following beliefs about the wearing of a compulsory uniform by students:

- A uniform worn with pride and enthusiasm reflects favourably on the school and community of Lota.
- A uniform worn with enthusiasm reflects on the students personal integrity as they represent themselves, their families and the community of Lota.
- A uniform worn with diligence positively reflects a child's inner self and their sense of belonging to a like minded group.

RATIONALE

The community of Lota State School believe we should be a compulsory uniform school because:

Student dress codes provide clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students
- Fostering a sense of belonging to our school, and
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic and social difference.

Our school has developed a set of standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:

- Clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear;
- Other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Acceptable and reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing worn by students that is deemed to be:

-offensive.

-likely to disrupt or negatively influence normal school operations.

-unsafe for students or others.

-likely to result in risk to health and safety of students and others.

WHEN STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR COMPULSORY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students will wear compulsory school uniform when:

- Attending or representing our school.
- Travelling to and from school.
- Engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Girls - Day Uniform



Girls Uniform also green check shirt and calottes

Boys - Day Uniform



Sports Shirt



ACCEPTABLE OR REASONABLE DRESS includes:

Girls Day Uniform

- Check dress uniform.
- Closed in shoes either black or joggers.
- White or black socks.
- Lota State School bucket or wide brim hat.
- Hair which is neatly presented and preferably tied back if longer than shoulder length (this also assists with keeping headlice to a minimum).

Boys Day Uniform

- Check shirt with green shorts.
- Closed in shoes either black or joggers.
- White or black socks.
- Lota State School bucket or wide brim hat.
- Hair which is neatly presented.

Girls Sport Uniform and Prep Day Uniform

- Green and yellow polo shirt with Lota State School logo.
- Green callouts.
- Closed in shoes either black or joggers.
- White or black socks.
- Lota State School bucket or wide brim hat.
- Hair which is neatly presented and preferably tied back if longer than shoulder length (this also assists with keeping headlice to a minimum).

Boys Sport Uniform and Prep Day Uniform

- Green and yellow polo shirt with Lota State School logo.
- Green shorts
- Closed in shoes either black or joggers
- White or black socks.
- Lota State School bucket or wide brim hat.
- Hair which is neatly presented

WINTER UNIFORM

Parents may choose:

- Purchase full green tracksuit with Lota State School emblem.
- Bottle green generic tracksuit.
- Bottle green jumper (zip or no zip)
- Lota State School bucket or wide brim hat.
- Girls - tights under dress green/black or green pants.

PERSONAL APPARELL (includes jewellery)

Students are permitted to wear:

- One set of ear rings for boys and girls.
- A small necklace only if religiously significant.

PREP UNIFORM

The uniform will be consistent with the Year One to Seven sports uniform.

Hat

Bottle green bucket hat - available for sale at the school.

Girls Uniform

Bottle green culottes

•Green and yellow polo shirt with Lota State School logo. NB: - girls are asked not to wear pleated netball skirts. They are difficult to remove during toilet time and for children to climb and run in.

Boys Uniform

Bottle green shorts

•Green and yellow polo shirt with Lota State School logo.

The supplier for the Lota State Schools Uniform sometimes stocks bottle green Lota t-shirts as well as a check dress and shirt.

These are **NOT** part of the Prep uniform and should not be purchased.

UNACCEPTABLE OR UNREASONABLE CLOTHING

Students are not permitted to wear the following to school:

- Clothing which is not part of our official school uniform (see exceptions below).
- Different coloured socks (see exceptions below).
- Shoes which are open (includes thongs, sandals or healed shoes).
- Hats of different colours or designs (from 2008 onwards).
- Two or more earrings in each ear.
- Body piercings of any kind (except one set of ear rings).
- Rings, bracelets or necklaces (unless of religious significance).
- Hair styles which are not deemed as neat and tidy (ie shaved designs into the hair, mohawks, or colours other than natural hair colours) (see exceptions below).
- Tattoos.

EXCEPTIONS

At Lota State School we understand that from time to time students may need to wear clothing other than their normal school uniform. This may be because of inability to wash uniform, rainy weather not permitting clothes to dry or other family/personal circumstances.

Exceptions will only apply to:

- Clothing which is not part of our official school uniform.
- Different coloured socks.
- Different shoes (must be closed in).

If your child needs to wear clothing other than the compulsory uniform then the following procedures are put in place:

1. Students bring a note from home explaining why they are not wearing the compulsory school uniform.
2. Students present note to their teacher and receive an *exemption card*. Children will be exempt from wearing the uniform for the duration of the parent note.

In addition families may not be in a financial situation to supply students with the school uniform for the entire school week. The following can apply:

- Parents are asked to discuss this with the school principal.
- Children can wear: normal plain yellow polo shirt. The callots and green shorts were chosen because they can be purchased at retail stores at a reasonable price. Children must wear closed in shoes and socks and adhere to the personal apparell (jewellery) rules.