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.

The day (formal) uniform is to be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the sports uniform can be worn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The day (formal) uniform is also to be worn on school photo day each year.
## DESCRIPTION OF UNIFORMS

### PREP UNIFORM (Unisex)

Prep students can wear:

- **Boys and Girls** - Unisex green and yellow polo with the Unisex matching green (with yellow pin stripe) shorts – this is recommended as it allows Preps to be cool and move freely; or

- **Girls Only** - Unisex green and yellow polo with matching green culottes.
- **Boys Only** - Unisex green and yellow polo with matching bottle green shorts.

Prep students must also wear the school bucket hat (hats are compulsory as we are a sun safe school)
STUDENTS IN YEARS P to 6
Students in years P to 6 must also wear the school bucket hat (hats are compulsory as we are a sun safe school)

Girls – Day Uniform

Boys – Day Uniform
UNISEX BOYS and GIRLS SPORT UNIFORM
Students can wear:

- **Boys and Girls** - Unisex green and yellow polo with the Unisex matching green (with yellow pin stripe) shorts.

**Please note:**
The sport short is to be worn with the polo only.

ALL STUDENTS

Acceptable Shoes
Black Formal
Black sports shoes
Socks

Hats must be worn each day
OPTIONAL EXTRAS
Parents can choose to purchase the following optional extras:

Lota State School Bag

Lota State School Excursion/Swimming Bag

NB – Under no circumstances is the Excursion Bag to be used as a daily bag. Students will be asked to return the bag to their home and bring their daily belongings to school in a more suitable bag. The excursion bag is to be used whilst students are on excursions or during swimming lessons.

Acceptable Personal Apparel (includes jewellery)
Students are permitted to wear:
- One set of earings for boys and girls
- A small necklace only if religiously significant

Unacceptable or Unreasonable Clothing
Students are not permitted to wear the following to school:
- Clothing that is not part of the official school uniform
- Different coloured socks
- Shoes which are open (includes thongs, sandals or healed shoes)
- Hats of different colours and designs
- Two or more earrings in each ear
- Body piercings of any kind (except one set of earrings)
- Rings, bracelets or necklaces (unless of religious significance)
- Hairstyles which are not deemed as neat and tidy (i.e. shaved designs into the hair, mohawks, colours other than natural hair colour)
- Tattoos (see exceptions below)

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

If your child needs to wear something other than the compulsory school uniform, then a note must accompany your child explaining the situation with a timeframe for rectification. Please see the school Principal if financial hardship is an issue.