



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

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Lota State School Student Uniform Dress Code Policy

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 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 student's 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.

The Lota State School community has agreed on a school dress code for all students, which actively encourages students to take pride in themselves and their school. **This Dress Code was endorsed by the Lota State School Parent and Citizens Committee on 29/10/2019.**

Consistent student dress standards promote a powerful school identity and communicate a positive image of our school as a highly regarded community of learners. We expect that students proudly uphold this image of Lota State School with good standards of dress and behaviour at all times. The Lota State School Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students.
- Fostering a sense of belonging.
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of physical, economic or social differences.
- Minimising exposure to hazards by adopting uniform items that enhance workplace health and safety practices.

Lota State School's Dress Code consists of an agreed set of standards and identifies the uniform our students wear when:

- Attending or representing their school.
- Travelling to and from school.
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours.



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At Lota State School, the expectation is that each day students:

- Wear one of the agreed Lota State School uniforms as outlined below.
- Wear black fully-enclosed shoes. Shoes must be suitable for participation in physical activity each day.
- Wear white socks.
- Wear the Lota State School hat every day particularly while engaged in outdoor activities.

Days to Wear Which Uniform

The formal uniform is to be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the sports uniform can be worn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The formal uniform is also to be worn on school photo day each year. Year six students can wear their senior shirt any day.

Girls Uniform

- School formal shirt with Lota State School logo
- School bottle green skirt or bottle green short (modest length)

AND

- School polo shirt with Lota State School logo
- School sport shorts with Lota State School logo



Boys Uniform

- School formal shirt with Lota State School logo
- School bottle green short

AND

- School polo shirt with Lota State School logo
- School sport shorts with Lota State School logo





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Winter Additions

- School logo zip up jacket
- Bottle green jumper and/or track pants (preferred supplier is Best n Less)
- Bottle green stockings (preferred supplier is Best n Less)

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear only the following items:

- A watch (no smart watches with active cellular connectivity)
- One small plain stud or small plain sleeper of silver or gold in the lower lobe of each ear
- Medical alert bracelets or student support identification bracelets
- Religious pendants by request of parent or caregiver to the Principal

Hair

Students are to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied up neatly in bottle green or yellow hair band, ribbon or scrunchy. Hair is to be limited with colouring and styles must be conservative.

Nails

Coloured nail polish is not to be worn other than clear.

Nails are to be trimmed neatly due to health and safety requirements and access to all learning opportunities such as Health and Physical Education.

Make up

No make up is to be worn to school.

School Bag

Parents can choose to purchase the Lota State School bag as an additional option. Alternatively, students may use a plain bottle green school bag or any school bag their family provides.



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 or cultural 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 or if you having any concerns.



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For Free Dress Days, the following standards need to be kept:

- School bucket hat
- Closed in shoes suitable for physical activities
- Sleeves and covered shoulders (SunSafe guidelines)
- No cleavage or midriffs
- All bottoms to be of a modest length

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 or have heels (includes thongs, sandals and inner heels)
- Hats that are not bucket or would not meet Sun Safety approval
- 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 (except for family/personal circumstances by request to the Principal)

Non-compliance with Code

A number of approaches may be employed by the school staff in the event students are non-compliant with the school's mandatory Student Dress Code. These approaches will be compliant with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Approaches include:

- Seeking parental support for compliance e.g. letter or telephone call. This may include requesting correct uniform be bought to school for the student.
- Assisting students with genuine economic hardship to acquire uniform e.g. uniform loan.
- Imposing a penalty i.e. Detention for deliberate repeated minors or majors if the non-compliance is impacting access to teaching and learning or doesn't reflect well on the school community inside or outside of the school.
- Preventing the student from taking part in a school event outside the school.
- Preventing the student taking part in a school activity that is not part of the essential education program of the school.

Whatever the approach, the intention of the School Administration will be to ensure every student complies with the Student Dress Code.