



LOWOOD STATE SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM & DRESS CODE

Uniform Policy

Lowood State School P & C Association has adopted a school uniform and dress code policy for all students at Lowood State School, as there are many distinct advantages associated with your child wearing a school uniform. We urge all parents to try to outfit their children accordingly. The wearing of the uniform contributes to school tone, shows pride in the school and helps keep children focus on their school work.

Below you will find the uniform requirements for our school - Prep – Year 7

GIRLS UNIFORM

School Polo Shirt + Bottle green shorts or skorts or skirt.

BOYS UNIFORM

School Polo Shirt + Bottle green shorts.

HATS

All children should have a bottle green hat suitable to give adequate protection from the sun, ie: wide brimmed hat or bottle green bucket hat. [A bottle green “bucket” style hat is available at the Canteen.]

Caps (and beanies) are unacceptable and are not to be worn at school.

[The school uniform can be purchased from the School Canteen.]

SHOES & SOCKS

For safety reasons students are required to wear fully-enclosed substantial footwear - leather school shoes or joggers are acceptable.

Socks (white or other unobtrusive colour) must also be worn.

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter accessories may include - Plain bottle green pullover and track pants for both boys and girls.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The wearing of a school uniform is a prerequisite on special occasions e.g. school photographs, excursions, etc.

GENERAL

All uniforms should be neat and clean, appropriate length and design for school activities and worn in an acceptable manner.

Final judgements on acceptability and appropriateness throughout this document, rest with the Principal or their nominee.

Non-Uniform Dress Days

Students clothing will include a sleeved shirt, clothing in clean, tidy and good condition that is appropriate for school. Apparel is not to contain offensive, suggestive or inappropriate wording, pictures or caricatures. No variation to footwear or jewellery is allowed. Make-up is prohibited.

1. Students may not wear sleeveless garments such as tank tops, muscle shirts, singlets or halter-tops. The shirts and blouses must completely and continually cover their shoulders and midriffs.
2. Caps will not be allowed to be worn inside the school perimeter fence.
3. The dress code may be adjusted with the Principal's permission for special functions (i.e. camps and excursions).

DRESS CODE

Appearance:

Torn, tattered clothing, clothing with graffiti, clothing with inappropriate wording/lettering/symbols and clothing in need of repair should not be worn.

Hair:

Hair should be clean and neat. Hair styles are to be appropriate for a school environment ie. no extreme hairstyles (e.g. letters or symbols carved in scalps or mohawks, etc) or extreme hair colours (any colours not considered to be normal hair colour). Hair which is longer than collar length must be tied back - pony-tail or plaits - preferably with school coloured hair bands/scrunchies. Hair (and fringes) should not cover the eyes.

Adornment:

Other than ears, any other body piercing is not allowed. Two ear rings per ear are sufficient. Ear rings should be small ie. sleeper or studs - no dangling ear rings for WH&S reasons. Accessories (i.e. chains, rings, bracelets, etc.) - one necklace worn inside the school uniform, one flat signet ring, one wrist band or wrist watch per wrist. [Medical bracelet can be additional.] Jewellery must not contain any inappropriate or offensive symbol or lettering.

Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated.

Piercings:

Earrings: A maximum of two studs / sleepers in each ear. Sleepers are to be the size of a five cent piece or smaller. Studs are to be flat. No spacers or equivalent.

□ **Body:** Studs / rings are not allowed. All visible body piercings (other than ears) are to be a clear, unobtrusive, plastic bar or are required to be covered for obvious safety reasons – this is a reasonable expectation and one that is enforced in the workplace.

Make-up and Nail polish:

Make-up is not permitted. Primary school students should not wear make-up and/or nail polish as there is no need at this age. Students will be required to remove make-up / nail polish under supervision.

Hygiene:

All students should maintain appropriate personal hygiene standards.

The final decision regarding appropriateness rests with the Principal.

PROCESS – OUT OF UNIFORM

We encourage parents, and students where appropriate, to take responsibility for meeting the school's expectations regarding school uniform and dress code.

Each time a student is out of uniform, a courtesy note from home is required outlining the reason.

Consequential Actions for Out-of-Uniform:

If a student is in not in compliance with the Lowood SS School Uniform & Dress Code, the following procedures and actions will be taken:

- The student will be asked to conform to the policy.
- The parent may be notified to bring appropriate clothing to school for the child.
- A loan uniform may be issued to the student and returned at the end of that school day, or the following school day.

The school will take responsibility for the laundering of "issued" uniforms. Students who fail to return "issued" uniform items will be invoiced for the cost of the items.

Students who persistently refuse to cooperate with the Lowood SS School Uniform & Dress Code may be required to complete set work in a non-classroom setting as determined by the Principal or their nominee. A meeting with the students' parents/carers will be arranged.