

Rationale:

The wearing of a school uniform helps develop pride, a sense of belonging and identification. The Lowanna College Council has adopted a compulsory student dress code within Department of Education and Training guidelines.

Aims:

- To have a uniform that is practical, available, affordable, and non-competitive in choice with a clear College identity.
- To encourage students to develop pride in their appearance and prepare for expectations in the workplace.
- To enhance the profile and identity of the College and its students within the wider community.

Implementation:

1. Parents and students will be provided with a copy of this Uniform Policy upon enrolment.
2. Parents and students sign a 'Student Enrolment Agreement' upon enrolment. Agreeing to adhere to the College Uniform Policy forms an integral component of the 'Student Enrolment Agreement.'
3. All students are to wear correct College uniform at all times, including travel to and from school and at all College events, unless otherwise instructed.
4. Parents are invited to discuss any cases of special need or financial difficulty with the College Principal or Business Manager.
5. The college operates a uniform exchange system, whereby students who attend the college out of uniform will be required to exchange their non-uniform clothing item for a uniform item. A range of sizes are provided, and all items are cleaned following each wear.
6. The college aims to support all students and families to access the correct uniform. The uniform exchange provides an opportunity to identify issues proactively, and offer relevant support to students and families.
7. Where there are problems with the fit of a uniform item, families must contact the college, where a custom-tailored item can be organised via the supplier.
8. Non-compliance with the uniform policy will be treated with a range of graded consequences as per the college Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.
 - a. Out of Uniform 'notes' from home are not required (nor accepted), as the college has the provision to provide a uniform item in exchange, when the student arrives at school.
 - b. Students who refuse to exchange their item and wear the college uniform appropriately will receive an after-school detention. A parent meeting may also occur.
 - c. Subsequent refusals will result in a parent meeting at the college to understand the issue and to work collaboratively to resolve the issue. In line with Points 1-3, enrolment may be reviewed if adherence to the uniform policy is refused.
9. College Uniform items:
 - a. Students may choose from following items detailed in Appendix A. No clothing or footwear other than those listed in Appendix A is permitted.

- b. Except for Year 12 jackets, Year 12 polo shirts, Lowanna Headwear and the Navy Puffer Jacket, all uniform clothing items are available from Beleza School Uniforms, Shop 26B George Street Moe.

Evaluation:

This policy can undergo a minor review at any time, with a major review as part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 20 July 2021.

School Uniform

Summer Dress



Shorts



or



Charcoal chinos
(two styles available).

Grey microfibre sports
shorts (with logo).

Pants



or



Charcoal Chinos OR Gaberdine Pants

Polo Shirt



Winter Skirt



To be worn with black
tights, or plain black
or white socks.

White Shirt



Two styles available.
A tie is available as an
optional extra.

V-neck Jumper



Soft Shell Jacket



Navy Puffer Jacket Plain black or white t-shirt/skivvy



To be worn under uniform only.

Footwear



Year 12: Year 12 polo shirts and jackets are annually co-designed with Year 12 students and, as such, are specific to each group. These items are optional for Year 12 students.

Socks: Plain black or white.

Footwear: Plain black school shoes or runners, with black laces. Girls 'T-Bar' shoes are permitted. No thongs, sandals, slides or open shoes are permitted.

Jewellery: Only minimal jewellery permitted (where a teacher deems any item of jewellery to be an Occupational Health and Safety issue it is reasonable to ask the student to remove the item).

Makeup: Only minimal makeup is permitted.

Headwear: Only Lowanna College official caps/hats and beanies are to be worn. Headwear is only to be worn outside and in the locker bays; headwear must be taken off when inside.

Physical Education Uniform

All students are expected to choose from the following items in Physical Education classes to enable comfortable and safe participation in practical lessons. Students are required to change into the Physical Education Uniform for Physical Education classes, and return to full school uniform immediately afterwards.

Polo Shirt



Shorts



Grey microfibre sports shorts (with logo).

Although these items are regular range uniform it is advisable to have a spare set to change into for PE classes.

Black Compression Tights

(to be worn under the grey microfibre shorts only)



Plain black only.
Can be purchased at most retail outlets

Runners: Must be in good condition and have laces that can be firmly tied.

For specific sports, such as football, soccer, or netball, the teacher may stipulate more appropriate clothing.