

Uniform Policy

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1.0 Purpose

This policy outlines the NSW Department of Education Policy for School Uniforms and the further implementation of this policy at Lake Macquarie High School.

2.0 Scope

The scope of this policy encompasses all students enrolled at Lake Macquarie High School. It also relates to important information for parents and the local community.

This school policy is based on NSW DoE Uniform Policy PD-2004-0025-V02.0.4.

3.0 Policy statement

- The department requires that schools set local school uniform requirements.
- The department supports the wearing of school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.
- Schools expect students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.
- All students should have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities, including physical activities, while wearing a school uniform. Girls must have the option to wear shorts and pants.
- School uniform requirements should take into account the diverse nature of a school's student population.
- Each school's uniform must be the result of formal consultation with students, teachers and other staff, parents or carers, and the school community (including the Parents and Citizens' Association).
- A school's response to a student not wearing uniform should be appropriate, fair and consistent, and a student cannot be suspended or expelled for not wearing school uniform. Schools should positively encourage students to wear a school uniform. Principals may consider making exemptions for not wearing a uniform, if considered appropriate after discussions with parents or carers.

- Decisions about school uniform requirements must comply with work health and safety, and anti-discrimination legislation. A school uniform should promote the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities to protect students from injury (for example, items for sun protection or safe footwear).
- A school uniform should include items that are affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.
- Schools must advise parents on how they can access financial support if they are unable to purchase uniform items. To assist families, schools should organise facilities such as clothing pools.
- Wearing Uniform is part of our whole school Positive Behaviour for Learning process rewarding student adherence to the Lake Macquarie High School Uniform Policy.

4.0 Exclusions and Exemptions

	Requirement	Exclusion
Footwear	Black upper leather laced shoe Sport shoe, enclosed upper	Canvas shoes Sandals Thongs
Bottoms	Navy blue uniform shorts Navy uniform track pants Navy blue uniform skirt Navy blue plain shorts Navy Blue track pants	Leggings/tights Non-navy blue shorts Non-navy blue track pants Denim Jeans
Tops	Navy blue polo shirt (Jnr) Light blue polo short (Snr) Light blue cotton shirt (Snr) Long sleeve shirts (white/blue) under school uniform	Non Uniform shirts Shirts with logos Singlets
Winter Garments	Navy blue Ski Jacket Navy Blue jumper (no logos) Representation CHS Jumpers Navy Blue uniform track pants Navy Blue track pants – no logos	Non-navy blue garments Jumpers worn under school uniform
Jewellery	Ear studs	Ear hoops/hanging ear rings Ear Spikes

Parents and caregivers are able to access financial support through the school at any stage to source uniform items.

Daylight Uniform is external to Lake Macquarie High School and do not offer lay-bys or other services. All items must be paid for before delivery.

Students who wish to wear leggings and tights must wear school uniform over the top as leggings and tights are not authorised school uniform.

5.0 Roles, Responsibilities and Delegations

- School representation is held in high regard at Lake Macquarie High School. Students who consistently refuse to wear uniform on a regular basis will be ineligible to represent the school in sporting and external events.
- Students have the option to appeal exemption from representation to Senior Executive staff.
- Full school uniform is to be worn during all external events such as excursions and school representative events unless stated otherwise.
- During uniform checks, students identified to be out of uniform, parents/caregivers will receive a formal notification and discuss wearing uniform with their child.
- Students are responsible for wearing full school uniform and are encouraged to be involved in a positive school culture.



For further information please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/school-uniforms>