

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

## Why We Wear Uniform

Kotara High School places great emphasis on the promotion and encouragement of wearing our school uniform. Departmental Policy states “*school uniforms foster pride in the school, assist in the development and maintenance of tone and good conduct, and reduce to a minimum distinctions because of clothing between children in the same school*”. The wearing of our uniform is important as it serves to identify the students of Kotara High School and foster respect and responsibility.

**The wearing of school uniform by all students is mandatory.** Parents/Guardians can assist by providing the correct uniform and ensuring their child cooperates in this matter.

*It is important to consider the reasons why the school community has chosen to have a uniform.*

- People judge one another by their appearance. It can shape expectations, influence reactions, often inaccurately. The wearing of a uniform helps to ensure that people are not misjudged as individuals and learners.
- Without a uniform, many students would compete in fashion stakes which can be a costly exercise. The winners would be those who could afford it. This would divide our school.
- By wearing a uniform we identify as one group. Without it there would be splinter groups based on clothing styles.
- Uniforms help us make our school safe. We can easily identify people who should not be in the school and who place students at risk. We can also identify you if you need assistance. Your uniform says ‘You are from Kotara High!’
- We all enjoy and take pride in being part of a successful team. The community supports us in wearing our school uniform, showing we are proud of our achievements and the benefits of being part of our team.
- Most work places have dress codes or uniforms these days. A visit to local businesses, banks, corporations and even supermarkets and shops will highlight this. Therefore, our school Policy reflects the workplace. It helps promote self discipline and understanding of the importance of neatness in personal appearance.
- Sporting teams have uniforms and team members and supporters take great pride in the way they are ‘turned out’.
- School uniform reinforces that school is about learning and we believe assists students to establish that mindset.

## **Community**

The school community fully supports a policy and set of procedures to ensure that all students comply with uniform requirements. In accepting an offer to enrol at this school, all students acknowledge their commitment to meet school expectations regarding the wearing of the school uniform. Should a student be out of uniform, 'green slip' is given and parents are informed. Persistent failure to comply will lead to detention and parent contact.

However, students who are not able to be in full uniform due to exceptional circumstances must obtain a signed permission from one of the Deputy Principals before school, upon the presentation of a note from a parent/guardian.

We are proud of our school and school uniform, and have high expectations of our students wearing our uniform in its entirety and with pride.

Use Lowes at Westfield Kotara to purchase your uniform. Please refer to the following for our detailed policy on school shoes and sport shoes.

### **ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Tartan Skirt is the official school uniform (all girls need to have one)		Black Trousers or Black Shorts
White School Blouse (School Crest)		White Shirt (School Crest)
White School Polo (School Crest)		White School Polo (Crest)
White Socks (visible) / Black Stockings		White Socks (visible)
Black Jumper / Plain Black Sweatshirt		Black Jumper / Plain Black Sweatshirt
School Winter Jacket (School Crest)		School Winter Jacket (School Crest)
Black Jacket or Coat		Black Shoes with Black laces
Black Shoes with Black laces		Black Jacket or Coat
Black Tailored Trousers		Black Tailored Shorts
Black Smart Tailored Shorts		Black Trousers

***Black jeans are not school uniform.***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>JUNIOR SPORT/PD/H/PE</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Green Skirt or Shorts		Black KHS Shorts
White KHS Sports Shirt		White KHS Sports Shirt
White Socks (visible)		White Socks (visible)
Black Tracksuit		Black Tracksuit
Black Track Pants (Winter only)		Black Track Pants (Winter only)
Sport Shoes with laces		Sport Shoes with laces

**Additional information about acceptable school shoes is available on the school website.**

