



H005	Sun Protection Policy
Purpose	To create environments and encourage behaviours which reflect a healthy UV exposure balance, ensuring some sun exposure for vitamin D while minimising the risk of skin cancer.
Authority	Principal Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 Education and Training Reform Act 2006
Policy	Staff and students are to use a combination of sun protection measures during terms 1 & 4 both on and off the school site.
Delegation	Principal
Related Policies	Occupational Health and Safety (PC004)
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1. Seek shade

- a. The school makes sure there are sufficient shelters and trees providing shade in outdoor areas particularly in high-use areas e.g. where students have lunch and assemblies
- b. Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- c. Students who do not have appropriate hats are asked to play in the shade

1. Slip on sun protective clothing

- a. Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform and sports uniform. It includes shirts with collars, longer shorts and broad brimmed hats.
- b. Rash shirts (or similar) are compulsory for outdoor swimming activities.

2. Slap on a hat

- a. All students are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside both on and off the school site during terms 1 and 4 particularly between 10 am and 2 pm when UV radiation levels reach their peak.
- b. Peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.

3. Slop on sunscreen

- a. The school supplies SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and student's use.
- b. Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors, e.g. reminder notices.

4. Learning and skills

- a. Programs on the dangers of UV exposure, sun protection measures and skin cancer are included in the curriculum.
- b. SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, staff and parent meetings, school assemblies and at new staff orientation.

For more information, go to the Cancer Council Western Australia's website: www.cancerwa.asn.au
and www.generationsunsmart.com.