

2016 PPS Sun Safety Policy

Rationale

Families, schools and communities share responsibility for the health, safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and young people in their care. The school community, including families, work together to take all reasonable actions to protect students from risks of harm that can be reasonably predicted due to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Planning and implementing effective action on sun safety will:

- assist to provide a safe environment for students and staff by reducing exposure to ultraviolet radiation and increasing adoption of evidence-based sun safe strategies
- assist Pagewood PS to make a significant contribution to reducing the incidence and burden of later skin cancer and related skin damage in children and young people.

School and school community practices to promote sun safety

- Sun safety is promoted as a health and safety issue rather than as a matter of discipline.
- The school curriculum and preschool curriculum framework include intentional teaching about the need for sun safety across year levels.
- Staff, families and visitors model sun safe behaviours.
- Shade (natural and/or built) is available in the places where students congregate at recess and lunch and where outdoor teaching takes place. A planting program continues to work towards increased provision of shade trees for the future.
- Sun safe strategies are implemented in peak ultraviolet radiation times for outdoor activities, including physical activity, physical education, carnivals, excursions and sport. This includes scheduling outdoor activities in the shade or outside of peak ultraviolet radiation times where possible.
- Age and developmentally appropriate sun safe strategies such as 'No hat, no play' and 'No hat, stay in the shade' are implemented.
- Students are taught to understand why sun safety is important and take effective action to protect themselves such as wearing sun safe clothing including hats and sunglasses seeking shade during peak ultraviolet times during the school day, and wearing SPF 30+ (or above) broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen.
- Bonus points are given at assembly for classes with 100% wearing a school hat.
- The school and sports uniforms are effective in minimising exposure to ultraviolet radiation and include a sun safe hat that students are encouraged to wear.
- Sun screen is available in all classrooms and students are reminded to apply it before recess periods.
- Implement the Cancer Council's [SunSmart Primary School Program](#) This program can support schools to implement comprehensive sun safety in line with best practice.
- During reviews of school uniform, promote sun safe clothing styles for the school and sports uniform such as shirts with collars.
- Provide professional learning for staff to raise awareness of, and to support the inclusion of, sun safe principles in teaching programs across the Key Learning Areas
- Encourage the wearing of sunglasses that provide protection to the eyes

Resources:

[Sun shade in schools](#) (DEC intranet only)

[Sun Safety for Students Checklist](#)

[Sun Safety for Students Action Plan](#)

[Sun Safety for Students information sheets:](#)

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| ○ Clothing and uniforms | ○ Sun safety and the curriculum | ○ Whole school strategies and community engagement |
| ○ Outdoor activities | ○ Sunscreen | |
| ○ Shade | | |

