
**Ballandean State School
SUN PROTECTION POLICY 2006**

RATIONALE

The sun can cause great damage to unprotected skin so children need to be advised on how best to prevent permanent problems.

OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure that children are aware of the damages of long term exposure to the sun
2. Ensure that the children are encouraged to practise responsible sun care procedures.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

1. The children will participate in activities designed to inform them of the dangers of being exposed to the sun without adequate protection. This will be done by integrating sun protection education into such subjects as health, physical education and English.
2. When playing in the sun, the children must wear a hat at all times. Hats that protect the ears and neck are part of the school uniform and the children should be strongly encouraged to wear them.
3. Sunscreen labelled, 'Maximum Protection SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum', is located in both classrooms and the children should apply the sunscreen before the lunch break, prior to outside sporting activities and at other appropriate times.
4. Staff should set an example for the children by wearing hats, sunscreen and appropriate
5. The time the children spend outside during the peak UV from 10am to 3pm should be minimised wherever possible'.

6. Parents and children will be reminded of this Sun Protection Policy and appropriate behaviour through newsletters, assemblies and P & C Association meetings.
7. The school uniform is of a dark colour and is made of a suitable material. The children will be encouraged to wear the uniform to school.
8. The school has ample shade areas and these should be utilized during eating and play times.
9. This policy will be reviewed and revised at least annually.

DATE LAST REVIEWED

September 2008

SIGNED: Kath Wenban

DATE: 23/01/08