



Highbury Primary School

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Sun protection at Highbury Primary School

Purpose: All department school sites and early childhood education and care services must have a sun protection policy in effect for school terms 1, 3 and 4, and whenever ultra violet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above. Sites must inform the school community including employees, students, parents and volunteers of the sun protection policy. Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Using sun protection

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off-site during terms 1, 3 and 4, and when the UV is over 3, including:

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/dress code. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts, and rash tops or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

Sunscreen

The school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and students' use. Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if remaining outdoors. Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors and buddies). Families with children who have naturally very dark skin are encouraged to discuss their vitamin D requirements with their GP or paediatrician and advise the school accordingly. Sunscreen reapplication is encouraged after perspiring and water-based activities.

Hats

All students and staff are required to wear sun-protective hats that cover the face, neck, and ears—such as legionnaire, broad-brimmed, or bucket hats—whenever they are outdoors.

While students are encouraged to wear hats throughout the year, hat use is mandatory during Terms 1, 3, and 4. Staff will inform students when the UV Index is above 3, indicating an increased need for sun protection. During Term 2, students are requested to keep their hats at school to ensure they are readily available when needed.

Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable. School hats are available to purchase via the front office with your child's House colour on the reverse side.





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Sunglasses

Students are encouraged to wear close fitting, wraparound sunglasses that provide the best UV protection against ocular UV damages. Sunglasses should meet Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067 (Sunglasses: lens category 2, 3 or 4)

Shade

Careful consideration is given to UV exposure during peak radiation times. Wherever possible, outdoor activities are scheduled outside these periods or conducted in shaded areas. Students are encouraged to make use of available shade whenever they are outdoors. Sports Day and other outdoor events are organised to ensure that adequate shade options are provided, allowing students to seek protection when UV levels are high.

Students who do not have appropriate hats or sun-protective clothing are required to remain in shaded areas or another suitable indoor space, such as the Library. Hats may be borrowed from the front office on an emergency or short-term basis. Families will be contacted by school leadership if a student repeatedly requires borrowed hats.

Staff

A designated staff member checks the daily UV rating and displays it on the communication noticeboard for all classrooms to reference. In accordance with WHS requirements, staff are expected to model SunSmart behaviours, including wearing a hat while on duty, choosing sun-protective clothing, and seeking shade during warm weather or when the UV Index is 3 or above.

Staff are also encouraged to apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before undertaking outdoor duties when UV levels exceed 3.

Curriculum / Community

Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all year levels. Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and in student enrolment packs.

Sun Smart messages are regularly displayed in our community noticeboards.

Families and visitors are encouraged to role model Sun Smart behaviours when participating in and attending outdoor activities with the school. This is communicated via newsletters, whole school communications and class communications.

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