



Objectives

This sun protection policy has been developed to:

- encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures
- work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times
- assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection
- ensure families and new staff are informed of the school's sun protection policy

Purpose

All department school sites and early childhood education and care services must have a sun protection policy in effect. At Kangaroo Inn Area School, all students from Pre-School to Year 12 are required to wear a hat in Term 1 and 4. A 'no hat, no play' policy will be enforced during these terms. Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Using sun protection

Kangaroo Inn Area School uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off site during the times listed above.

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform policy. 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

Students must provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. The school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students' use on excursions and camps.

Children of Pre-school age and older are expected to apply their own sunscreen. Students are reminded to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

Families with children who have naturally very dark skin are encouraged to discuss their vitamin D requirements with their GP or pediatrician.

Hats

All Primary students are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats whenever they are outside. Secondary students may wear baseball, peak or bucket hats. Staff are required to wear hats as part of their Work Health and Safety obligations.

Shade

Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible.

Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside. Students who do not have appropriate hats or clothing are asked to stay in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun. Students are able to borrow spare hats from the front office if they have left their hat at home.

Curriculum

Staff reinforce the Sun Smart message through classroom learning activities.

Sun Smart behaviour is reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through school communication such as newsletters/Schoolstream, staff meetings, school assemblies and student and teacher activities.