

Woodport Public School

Sun Smart Policy

Key Accountability: Student Welfare

Departmental Policy References:

**Student Health in NSW Public Schools: A summary and consolidation of policy
Policy statement**

1.1 This policy requires schools to implement practices related to student health that comply with the NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (WHS Act), Common Law obligations, and anti-discrimination and privacy legislation, and that demonstrate a commitment to collaboration with parents to support the wellbeing of students.

Purpose

The aim of this policy is to communicate to the school staff and community how the school manages the risk of harm from exposure to the sun. It should be read in conjunction with the DEC policy (*Protection from the Sun. Guidelines to Assist in Implementing the Student Welfare Policy. NSW DSE 1997*)

- Regularly review the provision of sun safe strategies at the school. The [Sun Safety for Students Checklist](#) and [Action Plan](#) can assist schools.

Rationale

Woodport Public School is committed to reducing the risk to students and staff of developing skin cancer in later life. All on site and off site activities all year round will be conducted under DoE policy. **“Schools have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff and this responsibility includes the provision of protection from sun throughout the year.”** 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.

The principles of this policy include that:

1. The school will provide a safe environment for staff and students.
2. Teachers will provide effective teaching/learning programs.
3. Students will follow school sun protection policy.
4. Parents are expected to support the school in its role of providing a safe environment.

The school will provide a safe environment for staff and students.

1. The school will consider sun protection when planning outdoor activities or excursions.
2. The school will schedule activities to avoid peak UVR times wherever possible.
3. The school will hold outdoor activities in shade wherever possible.
4. The school will design and choose a school uniform to provide maximum sun protection.
5. The school rules will be linked to uniform policy i.e. **No hat, stay in the shade.**
6. During extreme hot weather children will be supervised inside.

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Teachers will provide effective teaching/learning programs.

1. Teachers will address issues of sun protection through the Key Learning Area of PD/H/PE and across the curriculum.
2. Teachers will plan class activities that consider sun protection issues.
3. Teachers will be role models for sun protective behaviours.

Students will follow school sun protection policy.

1. Students will wear a broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat according to uniform policy.
2. Students will wear clothing that provides maximum sun protection according to uniform policy.
3. Students will comply with teacher directions in the conduct of outdoor activities to reduce risk of exposure to the sun.

Parents are expected to support the school in its role of providing a safe environment.

1. Parents will provide their children with a broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat according to uniform policy.
2. Parents are encouraged to apply SPF30+ sunscreen before students come to school.
3. Parents will ensure that for school organised off-site outdoor and/or swimming activities, their children have at least an elbow length sleeved shirt and broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat to wear when not swimming.