

SUN PROTECTION POLICY



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March 2019**



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PURPOSE

This policy has been developed for Freshwater Bay Primary School and is based on a whole school approach to ensure that all students, staff, parents and visitors attending Freshwater Bay Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Freshwater Bay PS staff and students.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions specific to this policy include:

| Term | Definition |
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| Sunscreen | SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen. |
| UV Index | Describes the daily danger of solar UV radiation intensity and each point on the Index scale is equivalent to 25 milliWatts/square metre of UV radiation. UV 1-2 = No sun protection required. UV 3-7 = Wherever possible utilise shaded areas during these hours and apply Sunscreen and a hat UV8-11+ = Avoid being outside during these times and apply sunscreen and a hat when outside. |

1. PRINCIPLES

- 1.1. To create an environment where sun protection is practiced and promoted.
- 1.2. To ensure students have access to shade, Sunscreen and hats.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. The Principal is responsible for ensuring staff and students comply with this Policy.
- 2.2. The Principal must ensure:
 - 2.2.1. There is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, particularly in areas in high use areas

2.2.2. Adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events

2.2.3. Staff and students wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats, Sunscreen, protective clothing (if applicable) for all camps, excursions and sport carnivals

2.2.4. Sunscreen is available and accessible to staff and students in classrooms and around the school grounds.

2.3. Freshwater Bay PS staff are responsible for:

2.3.1. Practicing and teaching sun protection

2.3.2. Having consistent expectations across year level teams

2.3.3. Plan and schedule outdoor activities when the UV Index is below 3, or when UV is 3 or above, ensure students have adequate shade protection, Sunscreen, and wide brimmed hats.

2.4. The Principal and staff should encourage parents to share responsibility with the school to support their child in practising sun protection.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by contacting the Principal of Freshwater Bay PS.

VERSION HISTORY

| Version | Approved By | Approval Date | Review Date | Sections Modified | Owner | Implementation Officer |
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| 1.0 | SCHOOL BOARD | 26/03/2019 | 26/03/2020 | New Policy | Principal | Principal |