



SUN SAFE AND HEAT POLICY

Rationale

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world and, at times, also experiences very high temperatures. This policy is designed to minimise the risk of students developing skin cancer and heat related illnesses.

Hats

- A school hat is provided to all new students by the Parents and Citizens Association at enrolment.
- Students and parents/carers can choose between an adjustable broad brimmed hat and a cap.
- Replacement school hats are available for purchase from the school tuck shop.

Outdoor lessons and sport

- All students are required to wear their school hat during outdoor lessons, sport and when in the sun.
- Students who do not have a school hat to wear during an outdoor lesson and sport will be supplied with one from the Health and Physical Education department's communal supply and required to wear this hat for the duration of the lesson.
- Students who regularly fail to bring their own school hat will be issued a consequence by the teachers and parents will be contacted.
- Teachers taking outdoor lessons and sport will act as good role models by wearing a hat and sun safe clothing.
- Sunscreen is available from teachers for use by students involved in outdoor lessons and sport.
- Students are required to wear sun safe clothing at sporting carnivals.
- Teachers will provide adequate opportunities for students to take drink breaks during the lesson and sport.
- Students need to bring a drink bottle to school for daily use.
- During times where temperatures are high, teachers will determine physical activities that best fit the climate, class and circumstance.

Lunchtimes

- Students are encouraged to sit in shaded areas during lunchtimes.
- Students must wear a school hat when in the sun. Students not wearing a hat will be instructed by teachers to move out of the sun.
- Teachers on playground duty will act as good role models by wearing a hat and sun safe clothing.
- Sunscreen is available from the school office for use by any student.
- During times where temperatures are high, the school may provide alternative arrangements.

Excursions

- Students attending an excursion which is primarily outdoors must wear a school hat.
- This hat needs to be provided by the student as spare hats may not be available.
- Sunscreen is available from teachers for use by students involved in the excursion.
- Teachers taking excursions will act as good role models by wearing a hat and sun safe clothing.

Consultation



Gordonvale State High School

The Gordonvale State High School Sun Safe and Heat Policy was developed in consultation with the school community, including:

- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- Student Council
- P&C

Review

The Gordonvale State High School Sun Safe and Heat Policy will undergo annual minor updates to reflect changing circumstances, data and staff.

A fulsome review is conducted every four years in line with the scheduled review process for the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting cycle.

Endorsement

The Gordonvale State High School Sun Safe and Heat Policy has been informed by:

- Department of Education: Sun Safety in Secondary School Guideline

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