



SunSmart Policy

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Being SunSmart is about ensuring we have a healthy amount of UV exposure for vitamin D without the overexposure that can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. As a school, we have a responsibility to ensure we are providing a safe environment for our students and staff.

This policy applies to all school events, both on and off site, and aims to ensure that students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Shaded options for outdoor activities:

- Play equipment in the early childhood and junior playground areas have permanent shade fixtures.
- All students have sheltered seating options for eating and/or rest.
- Trees surround the oval provide shaded options for breaks during physical education lessons.
- An undercover assembly area houses the whole school for meetings, performances and assemblies.
- Additional shade options are provided for extended outdoor activities such as sports carnivals.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats are asked to remain in the shaded areas for outdoor activities. This can include sheltered playground areas.
- Spare wide brimmed hats are provided for physical education lessons and whole school events.
- The need for adequate shading is discussed with school staff and community and planned for when necessary.

SECRET HARBOUR STUDENTS

Protection for our students:

- All students are required to wear a **SUN SAFE WIDE BRIMMED HAT** year-round for outdoor activities.
- Sun safe brimmed hats are an important part of our uniform policy and are, therefore, the only option for purchase on our uniform list.
- Uniform shirts are made from a fabric that features a UV rating for extra sun protection.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children to school wearing sunscreen and additional sunscreen is provided by the school for outdoor activities such as carnivals and physical education lessons.
- Teachers **MODEL SUN SAFE BEHAVIOURS** and the sun safety message is reinforced in the classroom.
- Reminders about the sun safe message are included in the whole school newsletter.
- On days of extreme UV ratings additional inside options are made available for recess and lunch breaks for the comfort and protection of students.