



Sun Protection Policy

Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, caused mainly by overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Research indicates that childhood and adolescent sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer. As students are at school during times when UV radiation levels are highest, schools play a major role in minimising student's UV exposure. Our sun protection policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and students attending Southern Grove Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun.

The Sun Protection Policy has been developed based on the recommendations from the Cancer Council Western Australia as outlined in the Department of Education Sun Protection - Best Practice Guidelines.

Parent and Carer Commitment

Parents and carers commit to supporting the school's Sun Protection Policy by:

- Purchase the school's bucket hat as outlined in the school Uniform Policy for their children
- Ensure children have access to SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen prior to arriving at school.
- Support the school's Sun Protection Policy

Southern Grove Primary School Staff Commitment

The staff at the school will support and implement the Sun Protection Policy by:

- Wearing a broad brimmed or bucket hat when outside
- Ensure students have access to SPG 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Students to apply themselves.
- Direct students without hats to an area that is protected from the sun.
- Avoid over exposure to the sun when engaging in outdoor activities.
- Liaise with uniform providers when selecting and reviewing school uniform items.

Student Commitment

The students will commit to supporting the Sun Protection Policy by:

- Wearing the school bucket hat
- Take responsibility for applying sunscreen at school when required
- Act as positive role models for other students in following the Sun Protection Policy

