

PATRICKS ROAD STATE SCHOOL

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Sun Protection Policy

General Information

Patricks Road State School is a Sun Smart school and encourages students and all community members to be sun safe when at school. The intention is that these practices will become second nature and follow on into life outside school and into future years. We are a “No hat, no play” school.

Staff Responsibilities:

- To model sun protection strategies to students and community members
- To provide effective educational programs on sun safety and preventative measures
- To use available shade for outdoor activities wherever possible
- To plan activities that reduce the time between 10 am and 3 pm spent in the sun by students to as little as possible, all year round
- To provide lunchtime activities which can be conducted in shady areas as an alternative to the oval
- To organise portable shade structures for lengthy outdoor activities such as sports carnivals
- To provide SPF 30+ , broad spectrum, water based sunscreen for student and staff use. This is to be applied to all uncovered areas of the skin, such as the face and back of hands for outdoor activities.

Student Responsibilities:

- To wear the school uniform and broad-brimmed or bucket hat when in the sun during the day, except during sports competition when this is not appropriate. Sun visors are encouraged for some sports e.g. netball No hat, no play!
- To wear a swim shirt when participating in swimming lessons; and to wear a house shirt and be seated in the shade of the grandstand while waiting for events at swimming carnivals.
- To apply sunscreen prior to school and at times during the day if participating in outdoor activities

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- To model sun protection strategies to students
- To ensure that students follow the Full School Uniform with Pride policy. The policy has sun safe guidelines for Free Dress Days
- To consider sun protection when reviewing school and sports uniform designs
- To encourage the application of sunscreen prior to the school day
- P&C to ensure shade is included when developing playground projects