



Sun Protection Policy

South Ballajura Primary School and Education Support Centre (South Ballajura Campus)

Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Overexposure to the sun during childhood and adolescent is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life. As students are at school during times of peak ultraviolet (UV) radiation, schools can play a major role in creating a supportive environment that minimises exposure and encourages sun protective behaviours.

Our sun protection policy has been adopted to ensure that all students, staff, parents and visitors attending **South Ballajura Campus** are protected from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the whole school community.

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South Ballajura Campus will:

- Inform parents of this sun protection policy when they enrol their child/children.
- Brief all new staff on the sun protection policy.
- Promote sun protection via newsletters, assemblies, daily messages, whole school activities, and parent and staff meetings.
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats when outside.
- Direct students without a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat to stay in an area that is protected from the sun.
- Require staff to wear broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats for all outdoor activities, including yard duty.
- Encourage parents and guests to wear broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hats when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats, sun protective clothing and sunscreen for all camps, sports and excursions. These items will be listed on the parent permission form.
- Encourage staff and students to wear a swim (*rash*) top for swimming.
- Review the school dress code to include sun protective items such as shirts with collars and SunSmart hats.
- Encourage staff and students to use shaded or covered areas when outside.
- Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
- Timetable as many outdoor activities as possible - including assemblies, sport and physical education in the morning, where possible, during Terms 1 and 4.
- Encourage the use of SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen by:
 - providing sunscreen in each teaching block, office and medical room.
 - allowing students time to apply sunscreen 20 minutes prior to an outdoor excursions.
- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs into the appropriate Key Learning Areas of the school curriculum.
- Review the sun protection policy every two years.

HOT WEATHER POLICY

Rationale

South Ballajura Primary School and Education Support Centre are a SunSmart Campus and support initiatives which ensure staff and students are protected from the sun. As there are days in the metropolitan area when the temperature reaches extreme levels, measures need to be taken to address this issue. Students running and playing in the sun on days of excessive heat is to be avoided wherever possible. It is recognised that these days are infrequent but do occur from time to time.

Guidelines

On designated "hot days" the Principal will invoke the Hot Weather Policy. This decision is at the discretion of the Principal, or his/her delegate, and is to occur when the temperature reaches extreme levels (in excess of 37C).

When the Hot Weather Policy is invoked:

- It is important that staff take precautions to reduce students' exposure to direct sun and heat. Ultra violet radiation will be extremely high so it is important to keep all students out of direct sunlight.
- All outdoor physical education and sport activities from 11.10am will be cancelled. If it gets too hot in the undercover area then PE classes will be taken in the classroom, with an alternative teaching focus.
- At lunchtime, 12.20-1.00pm, there will not be access to the school oval. All children are instructed to stay under the shelter of the undercover area, new shade shelter, verandahs and alcoves. The playgrounds with shade shelters may be used.
- Staff are to ensure children playing in the shaded areas do not play running games.
- Please remind the children to have a drink before they enter class at morning recess and lunchtime and encourage students to use water sippers in the classroom.

Evaluation

South Ballajura Campus will review the effectiveness of this policy each year and make any necessary changes.

Our Campus will:

1. Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents, and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
2. Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
3. Update and promote curriculum material relevant to SunSmart activities.

Endorsed by Staff:

Date: _____

Endorsed by SBPS School Council and ESC Board:

Date: _____

To be reviewed in 2018