

# YERONGA SUN SAFE POLICY



- Our school and community recognise that:**
- this policy applies to all school and school-related activities and events
  - strategies are implemented during the whole school day
  - a combination of different sun safe strategies is more effective than one single approach

## We aim to minimise our exposure to harmful UV radiation from the sun through:

- sun safe uniform policy
- appropriate and sufficient shade and shelter facilities
- education within the curriculum to develop sun safe awareness
- self-responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection

## Clothing requirements

Yeronga State High School has a school uniform identified as a School Uniform Policy endorsed by our Parents and Citizens' Association.

The policy provides a framework for an acceptable standard of dress that promotes Harmony through a cultural inclusive learning environment for students and staff. In developing the School Uniform Policy, consideration has been given to:

- Our school values;
- Queensland Health Sun Safe policy;
- Workplace Health and Safety considerations;
- School Uniform Policy maintaining Health and Safety expectations.

Students choosing to attend this school are expected to comply with our School Uniform Policy with the understanding that these expectations meet appropriate Health and Safety expectations as well as our school values, specifically, Quality and Harmony.

## Hats

School hats are expected to be worn for physical or practical activities outdoors. The only exceptions when playing sport are when a hat reduces visibility or interferes with activity skills and therefore pose a risk to students' safety.

Students have a range of hat wear options that are sun safe and affordable to promote sun protection.

## Swim shirts

Students should wear swim shirts/rash vests during all water-based activities occurring at outdoor venues.

## Shade provision and use

- Sports activities are rotated during the week between the classroom and outdoors
- Temporary shade structures are used as necessary for outdoor events and athletes carnivals.



## Sunscreen provision

- The school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for student use.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to remind their child to apply sunscreen before school.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to provide sunscreen for their child if they don't wish their child to use the school's sunscreen.

## Expectations of Students

We expect our students to:

- be aware of the school's Sun Safety Policy
- wear a hat when outdoors
- take responsibility for their own health and safety by being sun-safe, and comply with school requirements and using 30+ sunscreen and wearing a hat where possible
- when practicable, use shaded or covered areas when outdoors
- act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of sun-safe behaviour
- participate in sun-safe education programs.

## Expectations of Staff

Staff will:

- carry out risk assessment for any outdoor activity and/or follow the UV protection controls established in the risk management plan
- remind students of sun-safe behaviour as required
- act as good role models with respect to sun-safe behaviour.

## Expectations of Parents

Parents should:

- provide the components of the school's sun-safe uniforms for their student, including the appropriate hat
- provide their student with adequate 30+ broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen, and encourage them to use it
- act as positive role models by practising sun-safe behaviour
- support the school's Sun Safety Policy.