



# SUN PROTECTION POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

## North Shore State School



### Rationale

The Queensland Government, including The Department of Education, is committed to protecting students from the harmful effects of the sun in accordance with the Department's guidelines. **North Shore State School is committed to Sun Safe practices and has developed a Sun Safety Policy** which encompasses strategies outlined in the Department's EPPR (Education Policy & Procedures Register) and will continue to review the Policy on an annual basis.

### Aim

To ensure all school community members are:

- Aware of accepted sun smart practices and their benefits that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer protection and early detection
- Provided opportunities to adopt sun smart practices
- Develop life-long strategies and beliefs which will reduce the risks of skin cancer for the total school community

### Policy

#### Curriculum activities (HPE, Sport)

##### *Students and staff*

- Have access to **SPF 50+** sunscreen
- Wear suitable hat wear (Broad brimmed hat) when exposed to the sun and when appropriate
- Are encouraged to wear sunglasses and other suitable protective clothing (Swimshirt or T-shirt when in the pool)

#### Extra curricula activity (Camps, Day Carnivals, Interschool Sport, Excursions)

##### *Students and staff*

- Have access to **SPF50+** sunscreen
- Wear suitable hat wear (Broad brimmed hat) when exposed to the sun and when appropriate
- Must wear suitable protective clothing (Swimshirt or T-shirt when in the pool) and are encouraged to wear sunglasses

#### Non structured activity (playtime, PGD, outside activities)

##### *Students and staff*

- Have access to **SPF50+** sunscreen
- Wear suitable hat wear (Broad brimmed hat) when exposed to the sun and when appropriate
- Are encouraged to wear sunglasses and other suitable protective clothing
- Encouraged to limit the time exposure in the sun

### Action Plan

- Provide **SPF 50+** sunscreen to each end of the TLV's and selected location for staff to access and dispense to students when required or requested
- Encourage parents to apply sunscreen to students where needed 20 minutes before the start of school
- Liaise with parents where students may have specific allergies to sunscreens
- Promote the compulsory requirement to wear the school hat (Broad brimmed) as part of the uniform.
- Provide adequate shade areas around the school for students to utilize JAM –Junior School and CAM- Senior School and covered play area in the PLV –Prep Learning Village with fans in all undercover areas
- Procedures in place for extreme heat wave situations allowing for in class lunch supervision of students
- Plant shade trees for future shaded play areas
- Provide effective educational programs on sun safety and preventative measures through the Physical Education curriculum

- Raise awareness through regular newsletter articles, student notices and whole school assemblies
- Promote the importance of and encourage parents, teachers, support staff and volunteers to be role models for students
- Encourage students to play in shade areas whenever possible
- When reviewing school uniform design consider sun protection
- Staff and community members to model desired practices through the wearing of a hat and sunglasses when outdoors