

Sun Protection Policy



Mid North Education Centre uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off site during terms 1,3 and 4.

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars, shorts and a bucket hat.

Sunscreen

The school supplies SPF 50+ or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students' use. If parents want to supply their student with a specific sunscreen, the sunscreen will need to be sent to school labelled with the student's name.

Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if remaining outdoors.

Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

If the temperature at recess or lunch has reached 36° (or below if deemed extreme due to hot winds) then there will be no outside play.

Hats and Sunglasses

In terms 1 and 4, all students and staff are encouraged to wear hats (baseball caps are discouraged) and sunglasses to protect their face, neck and ears, whenever they are outside.

*** Sunglasses are to be brought from home.**

Shade

Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible.

Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

Students who do not have appropriate hats or clothing and/or refuse to wear sunscreen are asked to stay in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun (e.g hall, undercover area).

Curriculum

Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all year levels.

Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school website, parent meetings, staff meetings, student and teacher activities and student enrolment packs.

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