

Mawson Lakes School

Sun Protection Policy



Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with 2 out of every 3 people developing some form of skin cancer before they are 85. Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Sun exposure in the first 10 years of life determines, to a substantial degree, the likelihood of skin cancer developing later in life.

POLICY

- All students wear an approved school hat when participating in outdoor activities from 1st September to 30th April. Hats must be broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style as outlined in the Cancer Council SA guidelines for primary schools.
- All staff to wear hats when participating in outdoor activities (including yard duty) after 10:00am from 1st September to 30th April.
- All students without a hat at recess or lunch time from 1st September to 30th April will be required to sit in a designated area.
- Staff without a hat will be reminded about the policy.
- Students can choose to continue to wear their hats outside of the above dates if they wish.
- All students will wear clothes which cover their shoulders and back.
- When current temperature is 36°C or more, students will remain inside under staff supervision at recess and lunch times.
- Sunscreen is available for use during whole school events such as Sports Day.
- Application of sunscreen is at the discretion of families, catering for skin sensitivities.

REVIEW

- Staff and Governing Council to review July 2020

Ratified by Governing Council: 16th June 2020

Principal: David Cowles

Governing Council Chairperson: Peter Richings

