Mount Tyson State School

Sun Protection Policy

(revised February 2012)

Statement of intent
In view of the dangers of overexposure to the sun in Queensland, Education Queensland schools are to develop and implement a school sun protection strategy in which they consider the most practical and effective ways of further enhancing sun protection for students.

OBJECTIVES:
- To develop an awareness in the school of the dangers of exposure to the sun.
- To encourage safe sun protection practices.
- To consider the harmful effects of the sun in the planning and timetabling of school activities.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES:
- Parents/caregivers provide a SunSmart hat for their child and ensure that they wear it to and from school (when applicable). The Queensland Cancer Fund recommends the following hats: 8-10cm broad brimmed, legionnaire style, bucket hat (5cm brim).
- Parents/caregivers ensure that their child applies SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before leaving for school.
- Wearing of broad brimmed hats, legionnaire style or bucket hat is to be compulsory for all outdoor activities. Students without hats are to remain in complete shade.
- SPF 30+ Sunscreen is to be readily available to all students at all times and supplied by the school. Sunscreen will be applied by students to their face, ears, arms, back of hands, neck and legs before morning activities and at lunch time, supervised by staff.
- Shade areas are to be utilised as much as possible for outdoor activities.
- School staff shall be aware of their role as models for sun protection practices, wearing hats and sunscreen and protective clothing.
- School shirts must have collars and sleeves.
• Assemblies are held under the main building or hall, out of the sun.
• Educational programs on sun safety and preventive measures are included in the curriculum, under the Values Framework of Healthy Citizen.
• The wearing of swim shirts during all water-based activities for students from Prep to Year 7 will be compulsory.
• SPF 30+ Sunscreen will be provided for all excursions for student use and will be applied by students under staff supervision. Bucket or broad brimmed hats must be worn by students on all school excursions, with a clean, spare hat to be taken by staff in case of a forgotten hat.
• Sun protection will be advocated in relation to parents and citizens association projects and activities.

Endorsed by:

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