

Sun Protection Policy

At Robe Primary School we are committed to protecting students, staff and parents from the risks of UV radiation. We do this through:

- **Shade**
- **Rescheduling Activities**
- **Personal Protection**
- **Education**

SHADE

- We provide and maintain shade areas for play and outdoor activities. These include trees and man-made structures (permanent, temporary or seasonal).
- All students eat recess and lunch in the shade.
- Outdoor assemblies are held in a shaded area.
- We actively encourage students to use shaded areas when weather is hot.
- Where possible, outdoor activities are held under cover during peak UV times.
- Shade is considered as a priority at all outdoor school events (Sports Days etc.)
- When developing shade areas we consider:
 - What is the optimal shaded area required?
 - What time of day will the shaded area primarily be used?
 - What is the shaded area to be used for?
 - Which trees are best (broad canopy, dense foliage)?
 - Which man-made structures are best for the purpose (sails, shade cloth, solid roofed structures)?

RESCHEDULING ACTIVITIES

- Sun protection is incorporated into the planning of all outdoor events.
- Where possible, events and activities are scheduled to take place outside of the peak UV times.
- Events and activities are postponed and rescheduled if UV risk is too great.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

- We encourage students, staff and parents to personally protect themselves from UV radiation through the wearing of hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen.

Hats

- In Terms 1 and 4, we require 100 % of students to be wearing school uniform, bucket hats when outdoors.
- Students not wearing hats are required to play under the roofed pergola / veranda areas.
- Staff members wear hats when outdoors, Term 1 and 4.
- Parents are actively encouraged to wear hats when visiting or participating in school events outdoors.
- Students encouraged to wear school uniform hats in Terms 2 and 3.

Clothing

- School uniform design provides good protection (collars, long trousers and sleeves)
- Students at swimming lessons are actively encouraged to wear t-shirts, wet suits, rash vests etc, which fully cover their trunks.

Sunscreen

- SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum sunscreen is available for staff and students before going outside.

- Sunscreen is available at all school events (sports day, swimming lessons etc.) with reminders to re-apply regularly.
- Students are encouraged to come to school wearing sunscreen.

EDUCATION

- Sun protection and skin cancer awareness is incorporated in the curriculum at all year levels.
- Information about sun protection is provided to parents through newsletters, notices about school events etc.
- Staff model sun safe behaviour.
- Reminders about sun safe behaviour are given at all outdoor school events.



