RoBe Primary School - 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.

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