



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Rockhampton

Sun Safety Policy

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Policy Statement

St Anthony's School adopts sun safety procedures which educate about skin cancer and develop in our students safe and responsible habits about sun protection.

Description

St Anthony's School Community will promote a safe, healthy working and learning environment through the development and implementation of appropriate sun safety strategies.

Implementation

All children and staff use a combination of sun protection measures whenever outdoor activities are undertaken.

Our sun safe policy is considered when planning all outdoor events:

Shade

- the school makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate
- Shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all outdoor activities
- Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside
- Children who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun

Clothing

- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform. It is made of close weave fabric

Hats

- Children are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside

Sunscreen

- SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is available for staff and children's use
- Children and staff are encouraged to apply sunscreen before engaging in outdoor activities or play

Role models

- Staff act as role models by;
- Wearing sun protective hats, clothing and sunglasses when outside
- Wearing 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen
- Seeking shade whenever possible
- Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures when participating and attending outdoor school activities

Curriculum

- Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all grade levels

Sun safe behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school homepage, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on school enrolment

Reflection Materials

Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004

Sections 21 & 23: Main Duties of Employers

Section 25: Duties of Employees

www.health.qld.gov.au/sunsafety/schools/default.asp

Queensland Government Sun Safety for primary schools