



FRENCHS FOREST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sun Protection Procedures

Statement of Purpose

Frenchs Forest Public School aims to provide a safe school environment for students and staff, including the provision of adequate protection from the sun throughout the year.

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. Much of the skin exposure that causes late skin damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. Most skin cancers and related skin damage can be prevented by protecting the skin from the sun. Protection from the sun between 10am and 2pm and 11am and 3pm (during daylight saving) should be sought.

Implementation

- All students are requested to wear the broad-brimmed school hat all year round, when in the playground, for protection from the sun.
- Teachers on playground duty should lead by example and should wear a hat or use some form of sun shade, such as an umbrella.
- Teachers are to remind students to wear their school hat out to the playground.
- PSSA team members must wear a school hat when representing the school. This can be either the broad-brimmed school hat or the school baseball cap.
- All PSSA teams are advised to wear sunscreen to school on Fridays. Sport coaches will inform parents of this requirement on the permission note sent home at the beginning of the PSSA competition.
- Students who are not wearing a broad-brimmed hat are to play in the specified shaded areas.
- At outdoor events, such as school sports carnivals, students will need to wear the broad-brimmed school hat. Students will also sit under house shelters to provide further protection from the sun when possible.
- When involved in Outdoor Education Programs, students will be required to wear a broad-brimmed school hat at all times. These activities include: Camp, Beach-wise Program, World Environment Day, walking to excursions etc

Responsibilities

- Parents are responsible for the labelling of school hats. Students are responsible for the care of their own school hat.
- School staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen to students.