



Kepnock State High School Sun Safety Strategy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Department of Education and Training Guidelines for Sun Safety in Secondary Schools.

Purpose:

To ensure students and staff are aware of and implement sun-safety measures.

Sun-safe measures at Kepnock State High school:

At Kepnock State High School we:

- Provide effective education programs on sun safety
- Minimise sun exposure and maximise the use and provision of shade for staff and students between 10 am and 2 pm.
- Maximise the use of available shade for outdoor activities – natural and artificial – especially between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm
- Provide portable shade structures where practicable especially between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm
- Provide flexible planning of activities to reduce, as far as practicable, time spent by students in the sun between 10 am and 2 pm
- Explore ways to increase available shade through the construction of shade structures
- Increase available shade through shade tree planting and caring programs
- Consider sun protection in the design of the school uniform
- Require wearing of protective clothing, including hats, when in the sun during the school day
- Encourage the use of an SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen on uncovered areas of the skin such as face and back of hands
- Promote the importance of parents, teachers, ancillary staff and volunteers as role models for students in relation to sun safety strategies

School Uniform

- The school uniform is designed with sun safety in mind; a brimmed school hat is also available for purchase from school uniform shop. Students may choose to wear other brimmed hats.
- Students are required to wear a brimmed hat/cap for outdoor HPE lessons, and are encouraged to wear a brimmed hat at all other times when out of doors
- Students are encouraged to wear swimming shirts when using the swimming pool
- Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear sunglasses and hats when in the sun during the school day
- The use of 30+ Broad Spectrum Sun Block is strongly encouraged and is provided by the school at outdoor school events such as swimming carnivals, athletics carnivals. The HPE Department also provides 30+ Broad Spectrum Sun Block for use during outdoor HPE classes.
- In the HPE curriculum, matters relating to Sun Safety are incorporated within the teaching and learning program.

Review

This strategy is reviewed periodically in consultation with members of the school community.