



SUN SAFETY POLICY



Bracken Ridge State High recognises the risks posed with sun exposure and is committed to educating its community to adopt life-long sun safe habits and attitudes.

All students will be required to wear a **school hat**. The hat has been chosen by the P & C and can be purchased at the school's uniform shop. The wearing of the hat will be compulsory all year round for all activities that are conducted in the sun. This will include any outdoor activities during meal breaks, excursions, HPE lessons and sport.

GOALS

1. The continual **education** of the school community of the dangers of sun exposure and the minimising strategies of slip, slop, slap, slurp and wrap.
2. The expectation that **students will wear the school sun safe bucket hat** in all curriculum activities (including HPE, sport, and excursions) where there is sun exposure, as well as times when in direct sun during breaks times.
3. Encouragement of **all members of the school community to adopt and develop sun safe practices** as part of their everyday lifestyle.

STRATEGIES

The following strategies and directions will be implemented to achieve these goals:

a) Education:

- All HPE classes across all year levels to be given ongoing education on the need to slip, slop, slap, slurp and wrap;
- A bi-annual Sun Safe presentation during parade full school to be held in Term 1 and 4 run by the School Captains;
- A Sun Safe lesson to be incorporated into the Pastoral Care program;
- The school Sun Safety policy to be placed on School website;
- The dissemination of information on sun safety in school newsletters and on parades;
- Reinforcement of sun safety strategies at school carnivals and sporting events;
- Raising the sun safety awareness of all school staff and the community through the various meeting and communication channels.

b) Adopting a Policy requiring the wearing of the school's sun safety hat in activities with prolonged sun exposure:

In physical education and sporting activities, students **will be directed** to wear our school hat. Students who do not have a school hat will be reminded of the need for good sun safety strategies and be given a back-up HPE hat to wear. Or if no alternative hat is available the student will be excluded from that activity. In the event of a student's continual non-compliance, the class teacher will contact the parent/caregiver to discuss the issue to seek their assistance and the use of school detentions may be applied. Students will also be required to wear the school hat during break times and on excursion when they are exposed to the direct sun.

c) Encouraging School community development of sun safe practice:

- Encouraging all staff to model sun safety by wearing a hat when on PGD or supervising activities in the sun.
- Providing sun screen in easily accessible places around the school. Sunscreen is always available in the MPSC and sport sheds.
- The option of providing sunscreen with travelling sports teams.
- School providing portable shelters during sporting events.
- The question of sun safety to be added to the risk assessment process for all variations to school routine.