



SKIN PROTECTION AND INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Rationale

Too much of the sun's UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer in later life. There are times when inclement weather such as high temperatures, heavy rain, wind or other weather events impact on student, staff and visitor safety, health and wellbeing therefore it is important to follow inclement weather procedures to protect staff, students and volunteers from extreme weather.

Policy Aims

- ensure all students and staff are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation;
- ensure the outdoor environment provides shade for students and staff;
- ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection;
- support duty of care requirements; and support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors.
- protect students, staff and volunteers from inclement weather such as high temperatures, heavy rain or strong winds.

Scope

This policy is in effect all year. It applies to students at Linden Park Primary School whilst at school, participating in a school activity away from the school grounds; or while travelling to or from school or a school activity, students attending Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) and Vacation Care programmes, school staff and volunteers at Linden Park Primary School.

Policy

- On days where the current temperature reaches 36°C or higher, there is heavy rain or strong winds, students will remain inside at playtime and/or PE lessons under adequate teacher supervision. This will follow inclement weather procedures or be determined by leadership staff as required.
- Students will be expected to wear a broad brimmed hat, legionnaire style hat, or a bucket hat with a deep crown and a brim width of 6cms, as per the uniform policy, **when UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher and during all PE lessons.**

Further Information:

Sun smart link:

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/downloads/communities/early-childhood-primary-school/primary-school-sample-sunsmart-policy.pdf>