

Sun Safety for Students

Action Plan

Schools are encouraged to build sun safety into their school planning. This action plan is designed to support implementation of the [Sun Safety for Students Guidelines](#). The action plan is an optional tool for schools that can be adapted to meet school planning needs.

Documenting planned school action for sun safety can assist school communities to implement a comprehensive range of sun safe strategies. Evidence indicates that for primary schools there is a strong link between a written school sun safety policy or plan and implementation of associated practices for sun safety¹.

Schools can use the Sun Safety for Students Checklist and this action plan to inform school planning. The action plan can assist schools to document planned school community actions for sun safety. It helps schools to consider the range and combination of current sun safe strategies, level of implementation and to identify priorities.

Implementing a comprehensive range of sun safe strategies will assist the school to provide a sun safe environment for students.

| Checklist measure | →→→→→→→→→→→→→→ | Action plan consideration |
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| Not yet started | →→→→→→→→→→→→→→ | Commence these |
| In progress | →→→→→→→→→→→→→→ | Progress these |
| Fully implemented | →→→→→→→→→→→→→→ | Maintain these |

NOTE: This action plan includes fillable fields allowing the user to type directly into the boxes and tables.

¹ Simeon BW, Beckmann K, Rayner J. *Australian primary schools' sun protection policy and practice: evaluating the impact of the National SunSmart Schools Program*. Health Promotion Journal of Australia 2008: 19: 86-90.

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| Enter school name: Burren Junction Public School | Name of principal: Suzanne Galvin |
| Date of completion: 11/9/2019 | Due for review: 11/9/2021 |
| Action plan objective: The Burren Junction Public School Community will work together to take reasonable action to protect our students from the risk of harm that can be reasonably predicted due to exposure to the sun. | |
| Action Plan priorities: Students will be protected from sun during peak UV radiation times of the day and year. Shade and quiet activities are available to students at all times. Sun safe hats and other protective clothing are worn by students and staff. All students are educated in sun safety. The whole school community will be made aware of sun safety requirements. Students will be made aware of the importance of wearing sunscreen. | |
| Team members: Suzanne Galvin, Principal and Burren Junction Public School School Council | |

| Area | School actions/strategies | Timeframe | Responsibility | Expected outcomes | Ongoing evaluation and review |
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| Outdoor activities | Sport occurs in morning session during summer terms | Terms 1 & 4 | Teachers | Students will be protected from sun during peak UV radiation times of the day and year | Each Term |
| | Quiet activities available to students on hot days | Terms 1 & 4 | Teacher on Duty | | |
| Shade | Students sit in shaded area to eat | Year round | Teacher on Duty | Shade and quiet activities are available to students at all times | Each Term |
| | Shade areas (COLA & covered equipment) available for outdoor play & lessons | Year round | Teachers | | |
| | Students encouraged to play in shade during summer terms | Terms 1 & 4 | Teacher on Duty | | |
| | Students reminded to seek shade during peak UV radiation times | Terms 1 & 4 | Principal at Morning Assembly | | |

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| <p>Clothing and uniform, including sun safe hats</p> | <p>Sun safe hats (wide brim) are part of school uniform</p> <p>The school has a "no hat, play in the shade" policy</p> <p>Teachers lead by example by wearing hats in the sun</p> <p>T Shirts or rash vests are required for swimming</p> | <p>Year Round</p> <p>Year Round</p> <p>Terms 1 & 4</p> | <p>Teachers</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>Teachers</p> | <p>Sun safe hats and other protective clothing are worn by students and staff</p> | <p>Continual</p> |
| <p>Curriculum</p> | <p>Sun safety is included as part of the PD/H/PE curriculum</p> | <p>Yearly Cycle</p> | <p>Teachers</p> | <p>All students are educated in sun safety</p> | <p>Yearly</p> |
| <p>Whole school strategies and community engagement</p> | <p>Regular reminders about hats and sunscreen will be placed in school newsletter</p> <p>Hats are required for all excursions</p> <p>Sun Safe strategies to be reviewed regularly</p> | <p>Twice a term</p> <p>During excursion activities</p> <p>Every 3 years</p> | <p>Principal</p> <p>Organising teacher</p> <p>School Council</p> | <p>The whole school community will be made aware of sun safety requirements</p> | <p>Each Term</p> |

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| Sunscreen | Students are reminded to reapply sunscreen during extended activities such as carnivals | During Carnivals | Teachers | Students will be made aware of the importance of wearing sunscreen | Continual |
| | Students are encouraged to bring sunscreen from home | Periodically at morning assembly | Principal | | |
| | Sunscreen is made available to students at all carnivals and outdoor events. | At carnivals and community events | Teachers | | |
| | Sunscreen is available for students in the office and COLA area. | Year Round | | | |