

CHALLA GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sun protection in schools and early childhood education services

Purpose

All department school sites and early childhood education and care services must have a sun protection policy in effect for school terms 1, 3 and 4 and whenever ultra violet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above. Sites must inform the school community including employees, students, parents and volunteers of the sun protection policy. Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Using sun protection

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off-site **during terms 1 and 4** and whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 or above.

Staff are encouraged to check the daily sun protections times and UV rating each morning using the SunSmart Global UV app, myuv.com.au or the Bureau of Meteorology website to support the implementation of sun protection at the school.

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/dress code and sports uniform. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash tops or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

Sunscreen

Students must provide their own SPF 50+ or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen *or* the school supplies SPF 50+ or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students' use.

Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if remaining outdoors.

Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors and buddies)

- Student are reminded to apply sunscreen before each play time if students are able to go outside.
- Younger children are given extra time before going out to play

Families with children who have naturally very dark skin are encouraged to discuss their vitamin D requirements with their GP or paediatrician.

Hats

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. bucket hats whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable.

Shade

Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible. A combination of sun protection measures is considered when planning outdoor activities and events.

Sports days and other outdoor events to be held during term two or earlier in the day where practical.

Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside or access library and gym when applicable.

Students who do not have appropriate hats or clothing are asked to stay in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun – donut shelter, shade area behind the gym

Curriculum

Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all year levels.

Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school homepage, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and in student enrolment packs – Schoolbag, Facebook, seesaw and EMS messaging

Role Modelling

For work health and safety and role modelling, when the UV is 3 and above, staff are required to practice SunSmart behaviours.

Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures when participating in or attending outdoor school activities.

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The information has been extracted from the [Cancer Council SA SunSmart policy](#)