

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GYMPIE

SUN SAFE POLICY

The school firmly believes in protecting our bodies against solar radiation. A number of steps have been taken to reduce the opportunities of exposure to the sun at school and in teaching procedures. These are:

1. *DAILY TIMETABLE*: Lunch hour has been moved to a lower radiation danger time of the day.
2. *CLASS ACTIVITIES*: Teachers are required to alter daily timetables to experience outdoor activities in the earlier part of the day when radiation is lower.
3. *SCHOOL HATS*: Brimmed hats with a minimum 7.5cm brim or School Bucket hats with a deep crown and minimum 6cm brim are essential items to be worn during all outdoor activities. Children without a hat are required to sit in a shade area as the school has a strict No Hat...No Play rule.
4. *CLOTHING ITEMS*: School Uniform items have been specifically manufactured to provide greater protection to the exposed parts of the body.
These include:
 - colour on sports shirt
 - elbow length sleeves on all uniform items
 - long leg shorts
 - compulsory hat wearing
5. *LOTION*: Each class has a supply of 30+ UV lotion for children and staff to access when needed. Application is encouraged at least 20 minutes prior to outdoor activities.
6. *SHADE*: Ongoing efforts in planning are to be conscious of developing school shade areas.
7. *EDUCATION*: Every two years some educational program with the support of Qld Cancer Fund is implemented throughout the whole school.

In the successful learning process of protection against solar radiation, the modelling provided by the adults, teachers and parents in the child's life are essential factors to it being successful. The school accepts no responsibility for those who do not wear the suitable protective hats and clothing outlined whilst participating in outdoor activities. It is therefore advisable to wear a suitable brimmed hat for all outdoor activities.