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. Outdoor activities are to be avoided between 10am and 3pm.

3. **SCHOOL HATS:** Broad-brimmed hats or legionnaire caps are essential items to be worn during all outdoor activities.

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 UV lotion (SPF 30+) for children and staff to access when needed. Application is encouraged 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 broad-brimmed hat for all outdoor activities.