

Achieving personal excellence in a safe,
respectful learning environment



Gardeners Road Public School

Sunsafe Policy

Unprotected exposure to the sun in childhood and adolescence significantly increases the risk of developing skin cancer in later life. Exposure at any stage of life can add to the risk of cancer. Gardeners Road Public School is committed to ensuring a safe environment for students, staff and the community.

When: This policy applies all year long. While sun protection is a priority during terms 1 and 4, it is still important during the autumn and winter months. This policy includes all school activities such as excursions, sports days, swimming carnivals and camps.

Who: This policy applies to all students attending Gardeners Road Public School, and to all staff and volunteers working at the school. Adults are encouraged to be role models and support sun safe practices. Taking steps to minimise exposure to UVR is a requirement under workplace health and safety regulations.



Implementation

- The Workplace Health and Safety Committee will review the Sunsafes Policy every two years and evaluate the effectiveness and number of shaded outdoor areas.
- Parents will provide broad-brimmed school hats for their children to wear.
- "No Hat, Stay in the Shade" rule will apply at all times including sporting activities.
- Staff members will practice and model sensible sun safe procedures.
- Outdoor assemblies will be held under shelter.
- Consideration of sun safety will be used when developing risk assessments for excursions.
- Students will be provided with opportunities to learn about sun safety as part of the Personal Development/Health/Physical Education Key Learning Area.
- Parents may choose to apply sun block to their child's skin.

Where possible, outdoor activities will be scheduled outside peak times. Peak UV times are 10am-2pm between April and September, and 11am-3pm between October and March.

Shade is provided in the canteen and library area, in the playground students can be under the blue shade cloth for morning assembly. We also use this area for recess and lunch, eating and playing. We also have the adventure playground which has a shade cloth