



**Topic:** Sun Safety

**Intent:** Provide a safe teaching and learning environment.

**Esk State School's Approach:**

1. A combination of sun protection measures are used when planning all outdoor activities, whenever the UV index is three or above (eg camps, excursions, sporting events, physical activity lessons, swimming carnivals).
2. The school has sufficient shade and is working towards increasing sun protected areas in the school grounds.
3. Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
4. The school uniform's hat is broad brimmed (different colour for prep). Caps are not permitted at the school.
5. The school reviews its sun protection policy annually to ensure it is up to date and effectively implemented.
6. Families and visitors to the school are encouraged to act as role models by practising Sun Safe behaviours.
7. Staff are required to act as role models by practising Sun Safe behaviours while at work ie: hat, sunscreen, protective clothing while on duty.
8. Educational activities and programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the school's curriculum.
9. The application of SPF 30+ broad spectrum (or higher), water resistant sunscreen is encouraged prior to outdoor activity.
10. School uniform is designed to provide maximum sun protection and consists of shirts with a collar and sleeves and longer style shorts and dresses. Rash vests are used for swimming lessons.
11. Children who do not have appropriate hats or sun protective clothing are unable to participate in outdoor activities.
12. Sun exposure during the school day is minimised as much as practicable.