

# SUN PROTECTION POLICY

## Environment

The structure of Newborough PS consists of large verandahs around the entire school along with a multi-purpose under cover area. A feature of the school's grounds is many mature trees that provides enormous amounts of shade throughout the school's playground areas. All sand pits in all play areas are covered with permanent shade structures. The canteen has a large verandah where children can wait in line under a cover. In 2021 the school was successful in obtaining a shade shelter grant to provide sun shelter for senior students to eat and all students and parents to sit.

Physical Education lessons are held, wherever possible, in the shade or undercover area during the warm summer months in Terms 1 and 4. Assemblies are held undercover all year round. Shade structures are provided for students and spectators, as much as possible, during sporting events such as Athletics Carnivals. The wearing of protective clothing (including rashies, long sleeve shirts, t-shirts to cover the shoulders) is encouraged for athletic and swimming carnivals.

## Behaviour

All students and staff must wear a broad brim or bucket style hat and school shirts consist of polo shirts with a collar, this is part of the school's dress code. Hats are available from the uniform supplier.

Newborough PS has a policy of 'No Hat No Play' throughout the entire school year. This policy is enforced through the school's Behaviour Management Policy. Students who forget or misplace their hat must stay on the verandah for the duration of play period. Students who do not have a hat for Physical Education sessions are encouraged to borrow one or they must sit out the session under a form of shade or sun protection. Staff and Parents at Newborough PS are strongly encouraged to wear broad brim hats while on duty or during Physical Education sessions in order to role model the importance of this health issue.

All classes have a large tub of sunscreen which is freely available and encouraged for all students to apply for outside play, physical education lessons, outside excursions and athletics carnivals.

## Curriculum

At all year levels (K to Yr 6) teachers plan and implement sun safe education integrated throughout the curriculum and in specific Health education lessons. The Physical Education teacher, at the school, covers sun safe issues both formally and informally throughout the whole school. Through newsletters, during assemblies and by student leader messages the school community is often reminded of our 'No Hat No Play' policy.

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