

GREENBANK STATE SCHOOL

SUN SAFETY POLICY



Updated 22 June 2023

Creating a World of Difference - The Greenbank Way

Greenbank State School's Sun Safety Policy

Rationale

Year-round sun protection is important for all children and young people in Queensland as research demonstrates that high ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure in childhood and adolescence significantly increases the risk of developing skin cancer.

Our school aims to educate our students about being sun safe in order to develop important, life-long, healthy habits, and acknowledges the important role adults play during and outside school hours to reinforce sun safety with children and young people.

In implementing this policy, our school and community recognise that:

- the policy applies to all school and school-related activities and events;
- the strategies are to be implemented during the whole school day and year-round; and
- a combination of sun safe strategies is more effective than a single approach.

Date of commencement: February 2023

Review date: Annually each February

ELEMENT	STRATEGIES
<p>Clothing requirements</p>	<p>Students are required to wear protective clothing, including appropriate hats, when outdoors during the school day and during school-related activities (for example, excursions/camps) to reduce students' exposure to the sun, including the following strategies:</p> <p>Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate skin protective clothing is included in the school dress code. This includes shirts with collars. The Parents' and Citizens' Association (P&C) will make every reasonable effort to ensure the school uniform material complies with Cancer Council Standards. <p>Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are required to wear appropriate hats when outdoors. The only exceptions when playing sport are when a hat reduces visibility or interferes with activity skills and therefore poses a risk to students' safety; or when wearing a hat is not possible because other headwear is required to be worn for religious or safety reasons. Under these circumstances, students may remove their hats for the duration of the activity, ensuring they have applied sunscreen to uncovered skin (ideally 20 minutes) prior to participating. • With exception of solid roof structure • Our school uniform hats are either broad-brimmed or bucket hats. Visors and caps are not acceptable. • Staff remind students to wear hats before and during lunch breaks, and to and from outdoor activities. • Students who do not have hats remain in under cover areas, in a shaded position which is protected from the sun. <p>Swim shirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are required to wear swim shirts/rash vests during all water-based activities occurring at outdoor venues, except during their race/s at competitions and carnivals. <p>Sunglasses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may wear sunglasses when outdoors, at the request of parent.
<p>Shade provision and use</p>	<p>Our school maximises the use of available shade for outdoor activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary shade structures are used as necessary for outdoor events, for example, Under 8s Day, Sports Day, Cross Country, Swimming

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	<p>Carnivals, Colour Run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the P&C to provide shade for outdoor learning areas and eating areas. • Provide flexible planning of activities to reduce, as far as practicable, time spent by students in the sun between 10 am and 2pm. • Ensure students without adequate sun protection use the shaded or covered areas at recess and lunch breaks. No hat, no play rule applies.
Education	<p>Our school provides educational programs on sun safety and preventative measures through the following strategies:</p> <p>Curriculum, teaching and learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun safety, including preventative measures, is taught as part of the implementation of the Australian Curriculum through Health and Physical Education • Staff include the risk of exposure to UVR in their curriculum activity risk assessments for outdoor activities, which includes ensuring that adequate shade is available for outdoor activities where possible, for example, using temporary shade structures. <p>Incidental teaching and promoting sun safe behaviours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidental teaching of personal sun safety strategies occurs in all year levels as part of the school routine on a regular basis, for example, through reminders to students to wear hats and apply sunscreen. • Modelling and encouraging sunscreen application to uncovered areas of the skin such as the face, back of neck, back of hands, arms and legs when they are outdoors. <p>Staff professional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are informed about the school’s sun safety policy and its requirements on induction. <p>Enrolment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform parents/carers of Sun Safety Policy during enrolment interview.
Sunscreen provision	<p>Our school recognises the importance of sunscreen use as a sun safe measure and implements the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant, paraben free sunscreen for student use. Material safety data sheet - Appendix A • Parents/carers are encouraged through newsletter items and excursion/event advice forms to have their children apply sunscreen before school. • Parents/carers are encouraged to provide sunscreen for their child if they don’t wish their child to use the school’s sunscreen.
Modelling sun safe behaviours	<p>Our school promotes the importance of parents/carers, teachers, ancillary staff, volunteers and other adult supervisors as role models for students using the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and P&C members on site will utilise shade, wear sun safe hats and clothing, sunglasses and sunscreen when doing their duties, running outside activities, and when on excursions/camps. • Parents/carers are encouraged to have their children apply sunscreen before they come to school and prior to excursions. Parents may choose to provide personal sunscreen for their child/ren to use at school.
Cost considerations	<p>The department provides funding for sun safety using the following strategies:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School funding is allocated annually to enable the purchase of sunscreen for each class for the whole school year. • Costs for sunscreen will be recovered in line with the Requests for Voluntary Financial Contributions procedure.
Additional strategies	<p>Other strategies our school uses to be sun safe include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen is available at carnivals, sports days, gala days and swimming carnivals. • Consider sun protection in relation to Parents' and Citizens' Association projects and activities. • Continue working towards increasing the number of trees and shade structures so as to provide adequate sun protected areas in the school grounds. • Review the Sun Safety Policy annually to ensure that the information remains current and relevant. • Include the Sun Safety Policy in the student enrolment pack. <p>Extreme Heat – Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the ambient temperature is between 31°C and 35°C and the relative humidity is over 50%, there is a high to very high risk of heat illness. Planned vigorous, sustained physical activity should be limited in intensity or duration to less than 60 minutes per session. • If the ambient temperature is over 36°C and the relative humidity is over 30%, there is an extreme risk of heat illness. Planned vigorous, sustained physical activity should be postponed to a cooler part of the day or even cancelled.
Parents/Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a suitable hat for their child/ren from the school's uniform shop and ensure they wear it to and from school. • Encourage their child/ren to apply SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before leaving for school. • Ensure their child's clothing provides adequate protection from UVR. • Be encouraged to act as positive role models by practising sun safe behaviours • Support the school's Sun Safety Policy
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of the school's Sun Safety Policy • Take responsibility for their own health and safety by being sun safe • Comply with rules and guidelines by wearing a Greenbank State School broad-brimmed or bucket hat. • Apply sunscreen when encouraged by staff to do so. • Use shaded or covered areas when outdoors. • Participate in Sun Safety education programs.

<p>Endorsed by:</p> <p>Joanne Fairclough - P&C President</p> <p>Melissa Kent – WH&S Staff representative</p>	<p>Approved by:</p> <p>Jeff Jones - Principal</p> <p>Date of approval: 22/06/2023</p>
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Dear Parent/Caregiver

Sun Safety at School

Education Queensland schools are required to develop and implement a school Sun Safety Policy. This policy includes a range of sun safety strategies to enhance sun protection for students. One strategy is to ensure that all students are provided with a broad-spectrum, water-resistant, paraben free sunscreen of SPF 30 or better to apply on uncovered parts of their skin when they are outdoors.

A small number of students may have allergic reactions to the chemicals in sunscreen. In future, such allergies should be identified by parents when they provide the school with medical advice about their children.

The Cancer Council brand of Sunscreen provided at school has the following ingredients.

Active Ingredients:

Octocrylene 70mg/g, Buty Methoxydibenzoylmethane 35mg/g, 4-Methylbenzylidene Camphor 30mg/g, Phenylbenzimidazole Sulfonic Acid 25mg/g, Phenoxyethanol (Preservative) 0-5%

If your child has any allergies or skin sensitivities you may want to check with your GP before allowing your child to use the school provided product.

Please complete the form below and return to the office.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Jones
Principal

(Please complete, detach and return)

STUDENT DETAILS

Name: _____

Class: _____

Please tick:

I have read and support the school's Sun Safety Policy. Yes No

I am happy for my child/ren to use the named sunscreen provided by the school in accordance with the school's procedures. Yes No

I give my permission for teachers and support staff to apply sunscreen when this is considered necessary. Yes No


Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date


APPENDIX A – SAFETY DATA SHEET

Doc type:	Safety Data Sheet			
Title:	Cancer Council Australia Everyday Sunscreen Lotion SPF30			
Doc. No.:	SDS001	Rev. No.:	00	


1. Identification			
Manufacturer/distributor:	Skin Health Pty. Ltd.		
Address:	Level 2, 415 Riversdale Rd		
	Hawthorn East, VIC 3123 Australia		
Emergency Telephone No:	+613 9861 7000		
Facsimile No:	+613 9882 6058		
Product Name:	Cancer Council Everyday Sunscreen Lotion SPF30		
Recommended Use:	Sunscreen for topical application		
Restrictions on Use:	None known		
CAS No:	Not applicable		
2. Hazards Identification			
Hazardous Classification:	Non-hazardous when used according to recommended use.		
Pictograms:	Not applicable		
Signal Word:	Not applicable		
Hazard Statement:	Non-hazardous		
Precautionary Statement:	Not applicable		
Other Hazards:	None known		
3. Composition and information on ingredients			
Chemical Name	CAS Number	Proportion	Risk
Octocrylene	6197-30-4	70 mg/g	-
Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane	70356-09-1	35 mg/g	-
4- Methylbenzylidene Camphor	36861-47-9	30 mg/g	-
Phenylbenzimidazole Sulfonic Acid	27503-81-7	25 mg/g	-
Phenoxyethanol (Preservative)	122-99-6	0-5%	-
4. First Aid Measures			
Health Effects:			
Acute – Swallowed:	May be harmful by ingestion		
Acute – Eye:	May be irritating to the eyes		
Acute – Skin:	Not harmful		
Acute – Inhaled:	Not applicable		
Chronic:	None known		

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First Aid:	
Swallowed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not induce vomiting. - Give plenty of water and seek medical advice.
Eye:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irrigate with water. - If discomfort persists, obtained medical advice.
Skin:	Not applicable
Inhaled:	Not applicable
Contact Point:	Poisons Information Centre pH: 13 11 26
Advice to Doctor:	Treat symptomatically
5. Fire-Fighting Measures	
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Extinguishing Media:	Not applicable
Firefighting:	Not applicable
Fire/explosion Hazard:	Not flammable
Fire Incompatibility:	Not applicable
Hazchem:	Not applicable
Personal Protective Equipment:	Not applicable
Contact Point:	Not applicable
6. Accidental Release Measures	
Emergency Procedures:	Not applicable
Minor Spills:	Mop up with water and run to waste if regulations permit.
Major Spills:	Mop up with water and run to waste if regulations permit.
7. Handling and Storage	
Procedure for Handling:	Not applicable
Unsuitable Packaging Materials:	Not applicable
Special Procedures:	Not applicable
Storage:	Store below 30°C
8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection	
Exposure Controls:	Not Applicable
Emergency Exposure Limits:	Not Applicable
Personal Protection:	Not Applicable

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9. Physical and Chemical Properties			
Physical State:	White, viscous liquid		
Specific Gravity:	0.97-0.99 g/mL		
Solubility:	Miscible in water		
Boiling Point/Melting Point:	Not known		
Vapour Pressure:	Not applicable		
Flammability Limits:	Not flammable		
Other Properties:	Not applicable		
10. Chemical Stability and Reactivity Information			
Conditions Contributing to Instability:	Not known		
11. Toxicological Information			
Toxicology Tests:	Not known		
Carcinogenic Effect:	Not known		
12. Ecological Information			
Not applicable			
13. Disposal Considerations			
Not applicable			
14. Transportation Information			
Transportation:	Not applicable		
U/N Number:	Not applicable		
Proper Shipping Name:	Not applicable		
DG Class/Subsidiary Risk:	Not applicable		
Packaging Group:	Not applicable		
Hazchem Code:	Not applicable		
Special Precautions:	Not applicable		
Maritime Transportation (IMCD)		Air Transportation (IATA DG Reg 55 th Ed. 2014)	
IMCD:	Not applicable	IMCD:	Not applicable
Label:	Not applicable	Label:	Not applicable
UN Number:	Not applicable	UN Number:	Not applicable
Packaging Group:	Not applicable	Packaging Group:	Not applicable
EMS Number:	Not applicable	N/A	N/A

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Marine Pollutant:	Not applicable	N/A	N/A
Proper Shipping Name:	Not applicable	Proper Shipping Name:	Not applicable
Technical Shipping Name:	Not applicable	Technical Shipping Name:	Not applicable

15. Regulatory Information

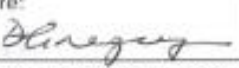
Poisons Schedule:	Not Applicable
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16. Other Information

Risk Factor	Risk:
Not applicable	Not applicable

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End of SDS

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