



# Lucas Gardens School

*Celebrating Ability Through High Expectations*

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## Sun Safety Procedure

### Rationale

The school community works together to take all reasonable actions to protect students from risks of harm that can be reasonably predicted due to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Research has shown that much of the damage which results in skin cancer occurs during childhood and adolescence.

To help prevent the development of skin cancer, students at Lucas Gardens School are offered reasonable adjustments to their teaching and learning experiences and environmental support to avoid over exposure to the sun when they are outdoors.

### Aims

The aims of Lucas Gardens School Sun Safe procedures are to:

- Promote lifestyle practices which help to reduce the incidence of skin cancer
- Promote an awareness of the importance of environmental conditions at our school as a means of reducing exposure to the sun
- Support 'cover up clothing' for all school activities
- Utilise shaded areas including covered learning areas in the playgrounds to protect students from the harmful effects of the sun
- Ensure that students access sunscreen, shade and wear hats if practical, when accessing community facilities
  - Students will access sunscreen at school with staff support, as a reasonable adjustment to ensure their participation in school activities and in accordance with DoE practices

### Procedures

- Staff will model and implement sun safe procedures and practices
- Shaded areas are provided in the school for students during breaks
- Parents/carers who request their child wears sunscreen while in direct sunlight, will complete the appropriate paperwork and provide the sunscreen to be applied by staff
- Parents/carers are also asked to apply sunscreen to their child appropriately before school
- Indoor supervised areas will be accessed by the students if the outdoor areas are excessively hot

- Parents/carers are informed of the sun smart policy when they enrol their child
- Lucas Gardens School recognises that winter sun also contributes to skin damage. This policy will therefore be implemented throughout the year

### **Our Commitment**

- Inform parents about the sun safety policy when they enrol their child
- Increase the amount of shade in the school grounds, where possible by building shelters and planting trees
- Encourage all staff to act as positive role models for students in all aspects of sun safe behaviour
- Seek on-going support from parents/carers and the school community for the sun safety procedures and their implementation
- Review the sun safety procedures regularly

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