



SUN PROTECTION POLICY FOR GMAS

In response to current medical advice, Georgiana Molloy Anglican School encourages students to remain out of the direct sun when and wherever possible. We aim to provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer protection. When activities must take place outdoors we will encourage our students to protect themselves from the harmful UV sun rays in the following ways:

HATS

Term 1 & 4

Students are encouraged to wear a GMAS hat (at school) when outside the classroom buildings, and when participating in sport (when practical) and other outdoor activities. Hats are also recommended outside of school hours.

Students who do not have a hat to wear during Recess or Lunch may be required to sit or play in areas where there is no direct sun such as the under-covered areas.

Term 2 & 3

The Cancer Council recommends deliberate sun exposure for vitamin D during our winter months.

Students may not be encouraged to wear a GMAS hat when outside at these times, however if weather conditions dictate otherwise the school recommends wearing hats as a necessary precaution.

SUNGLASSES

Students are allowed and encouraged to wear sunglasses to protect their eyes from harmful UV radiation while participating in outdoor activities (when safe and appropriate to do so). Fashion sunglasses with minimal UV rating are not encouraged. Students must take responsibility for such property (sunglasses).

SUNSCREEN

Students should ensure that they have adequate supplies of maximum protection sunscreen for school activities that occur outdoors. This is particularly important in situations where the nature of the activity (fast running, swimming and similar activities) may prevent the practical wearing of a hat. We recommend a broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30+ or higher.

STAFF

Staff are encouraged to model the expectations of the Sun Protection Policy placed on students, in particular the wearing of a hat when on duty and when in the sun for sport activities or school events.

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