



Sun Safety Policy

Rationale

All Queensland State Schools must follow procedures that include guidelines about developing a Sun Safety Strategy in relation to outdoor activities and school uniforms, to protect students from the dangers of over-exposure to the sun.

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: 7 August 2025

Review date: 7 August 2026

Purpose

To clearly articulate the Sun Safe policies and guidelines at Boondall State School.

Operation of the Policy

ELEMENT	STRATEGIES
Clothing requirements	Our current school uniform meets the Australian Standard AS4399:2020 for sun protective clothing (Australian Standard)
Shade provision and use	Our students have adequate shade in the school environment.

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ELEMENT	STRATEGIES
Sunscreen provision	Our school recognises the importance of sunscreen use as a sun safe measure and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their child if they don't wish their child to use the school's sunscreen.
Modelling sun safe behaviours	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and P&C members are encouraged to consider the use of shade, 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 provide personal sunscreen for their children to use at school.
Cost considerations	The department provides funding for sun safety using the following strategies: <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	Other strategies our school uses to be sun safe include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen stations are set up at sports days and swimming carnivals.

Endorsed by: Larry Johnson, P&C President	Approved by: Matthew Denzin, Principal Date of approval: 7 August 2025
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Links for further information:

- [Education Queensland \(EQ\) Sun Safety Procedure](#)