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# Sun Safe Strategy



BENTLEY PARK COLLEGE

A Complete Prep to Year 12 Education

## 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.

# **Purpose**

To clearly articulate the Sun Safe procedures and guidelines at Bentley Park College.

# **Operation of the Policy**

To promote sun safety, Bentley Park College:

- provides educational programs on sun safety and preventive measures
- maximises the use of available shade for outdoor activities and plan activities so that the time spent in the sun between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm is reduced (as much as is practical)
- considered sun protection in school uniform designs
- requires students to wear protective clothing including appropriate hats when in the sun during the school day, except where the wearing of hats may pose a risk to students' safety due to reduced visibility or interfering with activity skills (e.g. playing soccer)
- requires Primary students to wear swim shirts during all water-based activities, with the exception of competitions and carnivals
- encourages the wearing of swim shirts during all water-based activities in Secondary
- provides students with an SPF 30+ broad spectrum water based sunscreen when needed
- considers sun protection in relation to P&C projects and activities
- promotes the importance of parents/carers, teachers, ancillary staff and voluntary helpers as role models for students in relation to sun protection strategies
- involves consultation with the school community to examine the feasibility of recovering costs incurred in supplying sunscreen in line with state education fees.

Parents/carers, teachers, ancillary staff and volunteers are also encouraged to act as role models for students in relation to sun protection strategies.

### **Documentation**

Queensland Government Education Student Health