**Sun Safe Policy – Pretty Beach Public School**

**Purpose**

The aim of this policy is to communicate to the school staff and community how the school manages the risk of harm from exposure to the sun. It should be read in conjunction with the DEC policy **(*Protection From The Sun*. *Guidelines to Assist in Implementing the Student Welfare Policy*. NSW DSE 1997)**

**Rationale**

In alignment with department guidelines *“Schools have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff and this responsibility includes the provision of protection from sun throughout the year.*

Pretty Beach Public School is committed providing a safe learning and working environment for students, staff and visitors to the site. In the enactment of this:

* Pretty Beach Public School is expected to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors.
* An understanding that reducing exposure to the sun can assist in reducing the risk to students and staff of developing skin cancer in later life.
* Planning for all onsite-off-site activities will be undertaken win consultation with the school’s Sun Safe Policy.
* Teachers, students and parents are expected to support and meet the guidelines provided within the Sun Safe Policy. Please review the expectations below.

**The school is expected to:**

* Provide a safe environment for all members of the school community, including students, staff and visitors;
* The school will consider sun protection when planning outdoor activities or excursions;
* The school will schedule activities to avoid peak UVR times, wherever possible;
* The school will hold outdoor activities in shade wherever possible;
* The school will ensure that school uniforms are available which provide maximum sun protection;
* Provide sunscreen for student use, reinforcing school hygiene expectations for the use of shared resources;
* Promote sun safe expectations through regular community communication;
* Ensure that the school expectations are clear for all: No hat, play in the shade.

**Teachers are expected to:**

* be role models for sun protective behaviours, wearing a hut during playground duty and all planned outdoor activities;
* provide effective teaching/learning programs which address issues of sun protection through PDHPE curriculum;
* plan class activities and events in alignment with the shcool’s Sun Safe Policy;
* Promote and reward expected student behaviour regarding sun safety;
* Provide reminders for students to put their hats on before going outside for all play/sports/outdoor activities;
* Provide reminders for parents to ensure students attend school each day with a sun safe hat;
* Provide sunscreen for student use, reinforcing school hygiene expectations for the use of shared resources;
* Provide reminders for students on how to effectively apply sunscreen safely and effectively, modelling through demonstrated action;
* Remind students that teachers can not assist in putting sunscreen on students and reinforce expectations that students will come to school with SPF30+ sunscreen already applied.

**Students are expected to:**

* follow the school’ Sun Safe Policy at all times, including off-site activities, events and excursions;
* wear a sun safe hat at all times, whilst outside;
* wear clothing that provides maximum sun protection, including events where mufty clothing choices may be worn;
* seek support to locate lost hats, if misplaced at school;
* only wear their own hat and not borrow another students’;
* comply with teacher directions during playtime or outdoor activities where requests aim to reduce student risk of exposure to the sun.

**Parents are expected to:**

* support the school by reinforcing sun safe expectations and ensure students have appropriate hat wear at all times;
* provide replacements for lost hats to ensure that children are never without appropriate sun protection;
* encourage their children to wear SPF30+ sunscreen while at school;
* provide sunscreen for personal use/reapplication throughout the school day;
* ensure that, for school organised off-site outdoor activities, their children wear clothing that provides maximum sun protection, including events where mufty clothing choices may be worn.

**Departmental Policy References:**

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_health/protec_sun/PD20020055.shtml?level=Schools&categories=Schools%7Cwellbeing%7Chealth>