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Purpose:
Wollongong West Public School has adopted a Protection From The Sun policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all children attending our school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Guidelines:
All year round:
- Children will be encouraged to wear appropriate school bucket style hats whenever they are having lessons outside.
- Children must wear the school hat outside at recess and lunch times.
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- Whenever possible, teachers will schedule outdoor activities before 10:00 am and after 2:00 pm (11:00am – 3:00pm during daylight saving time).
- Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practicing sun protection behaviours.
- Staff will be encouraged to wear appropriate hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities.
- Whenever possible staff will use sunscreen for skin protection.
- Children must wear the school hat for sport and sports carnivals.
- For outdoor excursions and inter-school sport, children must wear appropriate hats.

Wollongong West Public School will:
- Endeavour to increase the number of shelters and trees providing shade.
- Incorporate sun and skin awareness programs into its curriculum.
- Regularly reinforce the Protection From The Sun policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
- Ensure that school hats are appropriate and satisfy Cancer Council guidelines.

On enrolment of their child, parents will be:
- Informed of the Wollongong West Public School Protection From The Sun policy.
- Requested to purchase a school hat for their child’s use.
- Encouraged to provide 30+ sunscreen for their child’s use.
- Encouraged to practise sun protective behaviours themselves.

‘No hat, no play in the sun’
Students without an appropriate hat to wear will have to play in the shaded areas of the school:

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