PURPOSE:
Wollongong West Public School has adopted a The Sun Safe 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:

• Students must wear appropriate school bucket style hats whenever they are having lessons outside.
• Students must wear the school hat outside at recess and lunch times.
• Students must wear the school hat for sport, sport carnivals and outdoor excursions.
• Students must wear our school uniform (shirts with collars and sleeves, and shorts/skorts to the knee or long pants).
• Students must wear shirts with sleeves and the school hat on MUFTI days.
• Whenever possible, teachers will schedule outdoor activities before 10am and after 2pm (before 11am during daylight saving time).
• Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practising 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.
• During sport carnivals, excursions and any outdoor lessons, staff will remind students to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours. Extra SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen will be supplied for students who do not have their own.

‘NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN’

Students without a school hat to wear must play in the school’s shaded COLAs during recess and lunch play times.

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 Sun Safe Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent /carer 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 Sun Safe Policy.
• Requested to purchase a school uniform, including a school hat, for their child’s use.
• Encouraged to provide SPF30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for their child’s use.
• Encouraged to practise sun protective behaviours themselves.