

## **Gordon Education Centre follow the UV Radiation/Skin Protection Policy.**

This policy is implemented for Terms 1 and 4.

It is an expectation that all staff will use the following skin protection strategies:

- Take care to protect the skin when the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above. Extra care should be taken between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm when UV radiation levels are highest.
- Use the shade of trees and verandas whenever outdoors.
- Wear appropriate clothing which protects the skin. Staff will be expected to wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat when they are involved in outside activities.
- When students are not wearing a hat they are expected to play in a shaded area. Students who do not have their hat with them will be offered a school hat unless their family has specifically forbidden them to borrow a hat (and has informed staff of this in writing).
- Staff need to encourage students to wear shirts with collars and at least elbow length sleeves and longer style shorts/skirts.
- Families are asked to apply sunscreen on their child before arriving at school in Terms 1 and 4. Staff will re-apply sunscreen before recess and lunch breaks. The school will supply sunscreen, but families may supply their child with their own sunscreen if they wish to use a particular type.
- Staff can wear protective eye wear (sunglasses) if they choose.
- Staff will incorporate sun and skin awareness activities into their teaching programs.
- Activities conducted in periods of hot weather, especially in the middle of the day, are to be undertaken in shaded areas.
- Staff are to remind students to drink water from their water bottles, water fountains or from the classroom, which is accessible to students.
- Staff will include in the program, teaching strategies that help students understand how to keep cool and safe in hot weather, eg drink lots of water, play in the shade, keep very active movement to a minimum.