



GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“The School with the ANZAC Spirit”
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Purpose

Giralang Primary School is committed to providing a culture where students understand the importance of sun protection, and engage in sun smart behaviours. Subsequently, Giralang Primary School agree with the Cancer Council’s position that the implementation of a ‘...comprehensive sun protection policy is seen as essential in ensuring that sun protection becomes an integral and sustainable part of the schools culture...’.

Scope

This policy applies to all enrolled and visiting students at Giralang Primary School. The procedures described in this policy have been developed in accordance with the DET ‘Sun Protection’ policy, 2006.

Definitions

- *School Hats* are either:
 - A *wide brimmed hat*, being a blue hat with a brim 8-10 centimetres in width, totally circling the crown of the hat OR
 - A *bucket hat*, being a blue hat with a brim 8-10 centimetres in width, totally circling the crown of the hat OR
 - A *legionaries school hat*, being a blue cap with an attached piece of material (also blue) no less than twenty centimetres in width and length.
- *School Hours*: When students are on school premises, engaging in school based activities during the hours of 8:30am – 3:00pm.
- *School Grounds* are the total area of land surrounding Giralang Primary School extending from:
 - the Doctor’s surgery and adjacent car park, down to the line of trees adjacent to the soccer ovals and from:
 - the edge of the Preschool right across to the line of trees adjacent to the AFL oval, including the school’s car park.

Policy Statement

- All students are required to, at all times, during school hours when outside the school building, wear sun protection in the form of a school hat.

At lunch or recess during time Period 1, if students choose not to wear a school hat, on three or more occasions, the teacher on duty may, at his/her discretion, exclude the student from playing outside. The student’s classroom teacher will contact that student’s parents/carers and inform them that their child has been excluded from playing outside because they are not wearing their approved school hat.

If students forget to bring, or choose not to wear a school hat when engaging in outdoor learning activities, they will be excluded from that learning activity. Students will be required to move to a position outside in the shade, within the teacher’s line of sight, for example, a painted red square under the eaves of the building. The student’s classroom teacher will also contact the student’s

parents/carers and inform them that their child has failed to wear their approved school hat, and has consequently, been excluded from learning activities outside.

If students forget to bring an approved school hat to school on an irregular basis, that is, infrequently they may be provided with a spare hat by their classroom teacher for the duration of the learning activity or the recess and/or lunch periods.

Variation

During winter, students may wish to wear a beanie or other warm headwear instead of a school hat. However, during this period, if students choose not to wear a beanie or other form of warm headwear they must wear a school hat.

Responsibility

The responsibility for the implementation of this policy lies with all the staff at Giralang Primary School.

Authorisation

This policy comes into effect on Wednesday 17 September, following its ratification by the school Board at the meeting scheduled for 16 September, 2008.

Review

This policy will be reviewed twelve months after the date of ratification, 17 September 2009.