

SUN PROTECTION/ INCLIMENT WEATHER POLICY

Purpose

This policy applies to all school activities and events on and off-site to protect our students from severe weather days.

Rationale

A balance of ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health. Too much of the sun's UV radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Sun exposure in childhood and adolescence is a major factor in determining future skin cancer risk.

Kingston-on-Murray Primary School:

- Encourages staff and students to use a combination of sun protection measures in terms 1 & 4
- Provides a safe school environment ensuring shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times

Processes

Kingston-on-Murray Primary uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities during terms 1 and 4.

Uniform

- Kingston-on-Murray Primary School uniform includes a shirt with collar and bucket hats
- Rash tops over bathers are to be worn for swimming lessons
- All students are to have a hat at all times in terms 1 & 4

A NO HAT – NO PLAY rule is adhered to across the site.

Sunscreen

- Students are encouraged to use school SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen before swimming and is available for students to access each day.

Shade

- Shade areas will be created to provide shelter at school events e.g. Sports day
- Shaded areas are provided at lunch and recess

Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures e.g. sun protective clothing and hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and shade, when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

Inclement Weather

Agreement by all local schools:

Hot Weather

"After four consecutive school days of temperatures above 38°C schools may enact early dismissal if the forecast maximum temperature for the fifth day is above 38°C".

NB 1. The forecast temperature for the fifth day is to be taken from the 7pm ABC TV News.

Constant heavy rain or extreme wind

At the teachers discretion lunch and recess breaks will be relocated to the library.

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