

## SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Gladstone High School provides a safe and inclusive learning environment where the well being of students is paramount. We recognise the need and obligation to inform students of the dangers of exposure to the Sun, and to provide shelter or protection in appropriate circumstances. This is the underpinning factor in the adoption of the wearing of \*GHS Bucket Hats or board brimmed hats as part of the school dress code.

- 1 Instruction on the dangers of Sun and UV ray exposure will be given in Health and Physical Education classes, in other subjects as fitting, and suitable warnings shall be given to classes or the whole school, as appropriate, before open-air events, eg sports days, swimming carnivals, camps and excursions.
- 2 As part of this, students will be required to wear their hat when taking part in outdoor activities and are exposed to the sun's UV rays for an extended period of time. This includes recess, lunchtimes and outdoor lessons throughout the year.
- 3 Suitable hats are available for loan from Front Office for student use **during lesson time.** ( limited availability )
- 4 Sun Screen is available from Front Office for Staff/Student use.
- 5 Adequate protection will be provided for spectators of open-air school events, or these will be held at times of minimum Sun danger.( eg. Twigh light carnival

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