

Policies: Hat Rationale

- Public education programmes have raised awareness of the risks of exposure to UV radiation from the sun and in particular to skin cancer.
- Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world.
- Every effort must be made to minimise the exposure of Marryatville High's community members to the harmful effects of the sun.

Policy Guidelines "In a hat or in the shade"

- During terms 1 and 4 all staff and students are expected to wear hats outside i.e. on yard duty, in outdoor play areas, during PE lessons, during sporting events.
- Students who are in the sun in these areas and who are not wearing a hat will be directed back to shaded/covered areas of the school yard. Refusal to wear a hat will result in appropriate consequences according to the Behaviour management Policy.
- Students will be encouraged to apply SPF+15 Sunscreen when outside during recess, lunch and Physical Education lessons.
- Students are to wear one of the school uniform hats.

School Support for the Hat Policy

- School staff are urged to model appropriate behaviour e.g. by wearing hats on yard duty, when supervising Physical Education lessons, at sporting events and on excursions.
- Students participating in outdoor Physical Education lessons/activities should apply SPF+15 sunscreen and wear a hat to participate.
- The parent community will be made aware of the policy via newsletter.
- Hats as part of school uniform to be widely publicised.
- Education of students about why we have this policy i.e. skin cancer dangers etc. to be included in curriculum - health lessons, Pastoral Care, information from Anti-Cancer Foundation, Community Health Worker etc