



TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SUNSMART POLICY

RATIONALE

Queensland has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Two out of every three Queenslanders will develop some sort of skin cancer in their lifetime. Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are highest during the hours that our students are at school.

With this in mind, Townsville Grammar School realises the need to protect students' skin and educate them about SunSmart behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

AIMS

- To provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer protection;
- To provide an environment that supports SunSmart practices.

OUR COMMITMENT

Townsville Grammar School will:

- include the SunSmart policy on the School website;
- enhance the amount of shade in the School grounds, where possible, by building shelters and planting trees;
- incorporate education programmes that focus on skin cancer prevention and early detection into the School curriculum;
- encourage all teachers and staff to act as positive role models of SunSmart behaviour;
- seek ongoing support from parents and the School community for the SunSmart policy and its implementation, through newsletters, Parents Network etc.;
- work actively to ensure that all students wear their TGS hats at all times they are in uniform and outdoors;
- where possible, ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and other outdoor events;
- review the SunSmart policy regularly;
- to provide ongoing and continuing education to staff in the area of suitable sun safe practices and procedures;
- ensure all students from PP-12 will wear the correct School hat e.g. Junior School wide brimmed slouch hat, Years 7-12 boys Akubra or girls Panama;
- seek the ongoing support of parents in ensuring that their children wear TGS hats and use sunscreen whilst at School.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

Students will:

- be aware of the School's SunSmart policy
- take responsibility for their own health and safety by being SunSmart
- use shaded or covered areas, where possible, for outdoor activities
- comply with SunSmart rules and guidelines by wearing TGS hats and sunscreen while at School and outdoors
- act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour.

Staff will:

- actively role model sensible SunSmart practices at all times;
- be engaged in professional development to increase awareness of issues in the area of SunSmart practices.

Sunscreen is routinely available and all students are encouraged to make use of this prior to HPE lessons. Townsville Grammar School hat wear is compulsory for all HPE lessons. This may be the TGS Cap or Bucket Hat. In addition, the TGS Junior School wide brimmed slouch hat can be worn for HPE lessons.