



# BEELIAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HAT POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of a Hat Policy at Beeliar Primary School is as follows:

1. To encourage all students to have some form of protection from the sun when involved in outdoor activities.
2. For students to develop sensible habits with regard to protection from harmful effects of the sun.
3. To educate students to be aware of the dangers of exposure to the sun.
4. To incorporate the school hat as an integral part of the school uniform.

### MAIN ELEMENTS

1. **No Hat No Play.** Children without a hat in the sun need to be in a shaded / sheltered area.
2. The Hat Policy and reason for having such a policy will be incorporated in students Health Education at school. It is expected that integration into other parts of the curriculum will occur i.e. Science – Greenhouse effect.
3. The Policy is essentially an educational one but aspects of student safety are major considerations.
4. Students will be expected to wear the school hat. This hat was endorsed by the School Council.
5. The P&C Association and the School Uniform sub committee should be fully aware of the Hat Policy and any subsequent changes. This policy should be endorsed by the Association and the School Council.
6. Students and parents should be informed as to when and where students will be required to wear hats. This may involve informing students and parents of the need for hats at sporting activities or school excursions.
7. Information with regard to the wearing of hats may be in the form of a note about a specific activity (i.e. A school excursion) or in a more general form (i.e. school newsletter).
8. All teachers will exercise their professional discretion and may refuse permission for a student to participate in an activity due to a lack of protection from the sun or elements.
9. The wearing of hats must be encouraged in a positive fashion whenever possible. If students are denied the opportunity to participate in an activity because of a lack of protection from the sun or elements, efforts should be made to inform them of the requirements to participate in the future.
10. Staff members are expected to wear an appropriate hat while on duty and during outdoor activities as an example to the children.