



# Smithfield State High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Smithfield State High School we regularly teach and role model sun safety in our Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons and while outside.

According to Cancer Council Australia 'A Queensland study found UV exposure during the first 18 years of a person's life was the most critical risk factor for skin cancer, and also caused skin damage and premature ageing'.

As a way to 'Be safe' it is a school expectation that students will wear a school hat at all times when they are outside (including lunch breaks). SPF50+ sunscreen is available for students. In the coming weeks HPE staff will be focusing on reminding students to wear school hats.

The process for reminding them in HPE classes will include:

- Term 3, Week 9 – newsletter reminder to wear school hat in HPE, this letter is sent home via email, reminder on Facebook, reminder through student notices
- Term 4, Week 1,2,3,4,5 – VIVOs for students wearing school hats in HPE and names of students without a school hat in HPE will be recorded on a paper roll
  - 1st reminder documented
  - 2nd reminder documented, contact home and discussion with teacher at lunch time
  - 3rd reminder documented and F Block detention to complete a reflection on sun safety
  - 4th reminder documented and afternoon detention to complete a reflection on sun safety

Hats can be purchased for \$15 from the tuck-shop. If your student does not have access to a school hat please provide a note to their HPE teacher explaining why and when they will be able to borrow one. For further information about this, please Mr Garske on 4058 4394 [bgars4@eq.edu.au](mailto:bgars4@eq.edu.au)

Yours faithfully

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