

Promoting Sun Smart Safety

- ▶ Positive Behaviour Skill of the Week - Each Term
- ▶ Newsletter
- ▶ Parade
- ▶ Participating in Skin Cancer Action Week

Outdoor Activities

- ▶ Using shaded areas where possible.
- ▶ Targeting low UV times eg morning
- ▶ Sunscreen
- ▶ Sun-Protective Clothing

Swimming

- ▶ Children wear swim shirts when swimming, with the exception of competitions and carnivals (where children should wear protective clothing, including hats, when out of the pool).
- ▶ Board shorts are preferred to provide greater protection from the sun.
- ▶ Children are to wear sunscreen to provide further protection.

Our ancient fig trees, as well as the many trees on the grounds, make our school a wonderfully shady place for children to enjoy.



At Townsville South State School, we value sun protection to minimise the risk of any sun exposure-related conditions. Our shady grounds, beliefs about sun protection and modelling all help to provide a Sun Safe environment for our students, families and staff.



Review and P&C Endorsement

The Townsville South State School Parents and Citizens' Association supports and has approved the implementation of the school's current Sun Protection Policy.

The school has also taken the step to include the monitoring of Sun Protection Policy implementation 4 times per year as part of its termly Workplace Health and Safety Meetings.



Mudpickers' Logo

Students at the school are affectionately known as 'Mudpickers'. This is based on the history of the school when it was known as Ross Island State School. Children routinely took a short-cut along the mudflats to get to school and then had to pick the mud out of their toes. The term, 'Mudpickers', is well known throughout the



Townsville South State School

Our SunSmart School

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Our school values ongoing sun protection and is acknowledged as a SunSmart School by the Cancer Council.



We know that valuing Sun Protection

- ▶ Supports student safety
- ▶ Raises awareness for future
- ▶ Supports a long, healthy lifestyle
- ▶ Creates a positive outcome



Townsville South State School Sun Protection



Role Models

Our school encourages support from staff, parents and adult role models in the school. Staff are expected to wear a hat for playground duties and when outside for activities.

Our School Uniform

Our uniform is Sun Smart, covering as much skin as practical:

- ✓ Broad-brimmed hat or bucket hat.
- ✓ Closed in shoes and socks (except for very wet days)
- ✓ Shorts/skorts that reach a minimum mid-thigh length.
- ✓ Shirts with sleeves.

Not acceptable

- ✗ - No singlet tops, midriff tops
- ✗ - No caps, beanies

Bike Helmets

When riding to school, children should wear a helmet. For sun protection, the helmet should have a visor.

Hats

Children must wear a hat at all playtimes and when outdoors during school time, including outdoor excursions. Children who don't wear a hat will be restricted to playing in the library or undercover areas during playtime.

Reward Hat - Each semester, children can use two of their Positive Behaviour reward vouchers to earn a free school hat!

Sunscreen

All classrooms have sunscreen available for student use.

No Hat, No Play in the Sun

No hat means no play in the sun. Children can still play in undercover areas.



Wonderful Shaded Areas

- ▶ Shade Sails
- ▶ Undercover Walkways
- ▶ Large Shady Trees
- ▶ Under-Building Play/Eating Areas
- ▶ Large Hall with open sides (see photo below)

National Tree Planting Day

Each year, our school aims to improve shade availability with the annual tree planting program in July.

