

APPENDIX C. SUN PROTECTION AND HEAT MANAGEMENT

Schools are uniquely placed to promote sun-protective behaviours and environments given students attend school when daily ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels are at their peak.

Sun protection

The principal implements a whole school approach to promote sun protection (staff only) including:

- evidence-based procedures and practices, developed in consultation with the school community, for:
 - monitoring UV
 - effective protection from overexposure to UV radiation when the UV Index is 3 or above.
- modified teaching and learning programs to protect students and staff from high UV radiation levels.

Refer to the Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools procedures to develop dress code requirements for headwear.

Heat management

The principal modifies teaching and learning programs to protect students and staff from prolonged high temperatures.

During periods of prolonged high temperature:

- schools are not closed
- parents may keep their child at home and provide an explanation of absence to the school which may be considered reasonable cause pursuant to Section 25(2)(a) of the *School Education Act 1999* provided the relevant requirements of Section 25 are met
- parents may also withdraw students from one or more elements of the school program in negotiation with school staff.