



Woombye State School

Hat Policy

Rationale:

- ✓ This policy was formulated by school staff with input from other community members.
- ✓ According to medical sources, over-exposure to direct sunlight (especially in childhood years) is a major factor in the development of skin cancer in adults.
- ✓ With this in mind, this policy is also approved by our P&C.

Broad Brim Hat Policy:

- ✓ Hats must have a minimum brim of 6cm
- ✓ Hats must provide protection from the sun on the face and neck.
- ✓ Hats must be socially acceptable in a school environment.
- ✓ Hats must be worn on all occasions when out in the sun i.e. “no hat, no play” and “no hat, no P.E./sport” policies.
- ✓ Hats should be kept in your child’s school bag at all times when not in use.
- ☒ As a matter of common courtesy, hats are not to be worn in the classrooms.
- ☒ Caps and visors are not accepted as they offer little protection for the side of the face.
- ☒ Unacceptable logos and slogans will not be tolerated.

Exemptions:

- Hats may be removed briefly for certain sporting activities where they may hamper movement e.g. athletic activities such as Shot Put.
- Other circumstances/hats/activities where the conditions will not apply – please see the Principal in these cases.

Purchasing Broad Brim Hats:

- ✓ Double-sided Woombye State School broad brim hats are available at the Uniform Shop for purchase at reasonable prices.
- ✓ Your child’s hat does not have to be a school hat.

Overriding all of these rules is the always need for common sense.

We will endeavour to enforce these rules to protect your children from the life-long threat of sun damage and skin cancer.

Parental cooperation in this matter is paramount.