



SUN SAFE POLICY

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Two out of every three Queenslanders will develop some sort of skin cancer in their lifetime. Research suggests that at least two-thirds of all melanomas occurring in Australia could be prevented if children were protected from the sun during their first 15 years.

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Research shows that severe sunburn contributes to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as sunspots, blemishes and premature ageing. Most skin damage and skin cancer is therefore preventable.

Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are highest during the hours children are at school. With this in mind, Deception Bay State high School realises the need to protect children's skin and educate them about Sun Safe behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

The school encourages students to wear caps when outdoors. Sunscreen is available for student use during HPE classes if requested.