



Design a Sun Safe School Playground



What does a sun safe school playground look like?

Design a sun safe playground with shaded areas to provide protection from the sun. Remember to include trees for natural shade and covered areas.

Draw your design from a bird's-eye view.

Teacher Notes

This teaching and learning activity is suitable for students who have been learning about the importance of sun protection. Designs can be realistic or imaginative. In order to complete this activity students will need to have a basic understanding of:

- A bird's-eye view map.
- Why sun protection is important.
- When we need to use sun protection.
- Elements of a school playground.
- The difference between natural, built and portable shade.

Students should be able to provide a brief explanation of the features included in their design and how they provide sun protection.

Teaching Suggestions

- Walk your students around the school playground and point out different features that provide sun protection.
- Provide photos or illustrations of other school playgrounds and ask students to identify features that provide sun protection.
- Prompt students to come up with their own creative ideas by providing examples of less common features like a hat stand for students who forget their hats or a sunscreen station for students to apply sunscreen.
- Create a list of all the features that you and your students come up with that could provide sun protection in the playground.