



# Vacy Public School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

At a recent P&C meeting, we listened to a presentation regarding sun-safety for our students. Specifically, we heard about the importance of children's eye health.

David, from School Shades sunglasses visited and left personalised samples with us. The provision of sunglasses to children during peak UV times is recommended by the Cancer Council for the following reasons:

- Between the ages of 4 to 12, the human eye absorbs the greatest spectrum of UV rays
- Children's eyes are translucent and susceptible to UV damage which can contribute to pterygium, cataracts and cancers of the eye and eyelid later in life

The sunglasses from School Shades:

- Comply with AS/NZ Standards 1067:2003
- Are a snug, wrap-around fit
- Have shatterproof polycarbonate lenses
- Have an ID panel on which to label the child's name
- Come with a case which clips onto the school bag or lunchbox
- Colour match our school uniform
- Are professionally labelled with our school's name on the arm

School Shades are worn by students in 349+ NSW primary schools. More information can be found at [www.schoolshades.com.au](http://www.schoolshades.com.au) or <https://www.cancer.org.au/policy-and-advocacy/position-statements/sun-smart/>

**Whilst not a compulsory item of uniform**, the provision of sunglasses is a positive sun-smart measure for children, just as we as parents and teachers wear them on sunny days. The P & C have therefore decided to support all of our students by endorsing this product and subsidising half the cost of a pair of sunglasses for each of our 2019 Vacy Public School students.

Every child in the school will be fitted for a pair of glasses and a whole school order will be made so your child's glasses will be waiting for them at the time of payment.

We will be asking that your child keeps their sunglasses at school in their classroom on a daily basis. They will then be distributed at recess and lunch for use. Glasses and glass cases are all named for easy identification.

If you would like to purchase a pair of sunglasses, which also includes a case and cloth, the **cost will be \$5.00** which can be paid into the P & C account online (details below) or by cash to the school office. If you are paying online to the P & C (not the school account), please bring your receipt to the office as proof of purchase.

Vacy Public School Parents & Citizens Association

BSB: 062813

Acct: 00903142

REF: Your Surname



Please fill in the note below so that we can provide you with a receipt upon purchase.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti on behalf of the Vacy P.S. P & C Association

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I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (number) pairs of sunglasses at a **cost of \$5.00 a pair**, for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_

in class/classes \_\_\_\_\_.

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Carer Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make my receipt our to \_\_\_\_\_