

Sun Smart Policy

Purpose

A healthy balance of ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure is important for your health. Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Objectives

- To educate students on to suitable Sun smart protection strategies.
- To encourage students and teachers to maintain a healthy UV exposure balance.
- To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times

Guiding Principles of Implementation

This policy is to be read as part of the school dress code.

- Students will be required to wear Cancer Council approved close weave bucket or broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) all year.
- Students without bucket or broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Students will be permitted to apply a SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen provided by their parents. Sunscreen is available and accessible to staff and students. Students are reminded to apply sunscreen before outdoor activities, and re-apply every 2 hours or more frequently if washed or wiped off.
- Whenever possible, outside activities should be scheduled as far from 12 noon as possible.
- The school provides adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment and for outdoor special events such as sports carnivals.
- The school will ensure that school uniform bucket or broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the uniform store.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the Sun Smart Policy.



Responsibilities

Administration:

- Provide adequate shade for school events such as Sports Carnivals.
- Liaise with uniform service providers to ensure Sun Smart Hats are available for parents to purchase.
- Follow up with parents if children do not have Sun Smart hats to wear during outside activities.

Teachers:

- Follow up with parents if children do not have Sun Smart hats to wear during outside activities.
- Encourage and remind children to wear their hat in the sun and reinforce playing in the shade if they do not have a Sun Safe hat.

Students:

- To bring a Sun Safe hat to school each day and wear it during outside activities.

Parents/Carers:

- Provide a Sun Safe hat for their child to bring to school each day.
- To support the school by reinforcing Sun Safe behaviour.
- Provide sun cream to their child to use before school and for outside events such as Sports Carnivals.

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