



SUNSMART

POLICY

Rationale:

- To provide a safe environment for all children by implementing sun protection procedures.

Aims:

- To encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising sun smart behaviours such as:
 - Wearing appropriate hats and clothing for all outdoor activities
 - Using a broad-spectrum 30+ water resistant sunscreen for skin protection and providing 30+ sunscreen for their child's regular use throughout the day
 - Seeking shade wherever possible
 - Encouraging the wearing of appropriate sunglasses when outdoors
- To ensure all students and staff have some UV exposure for vitamin D.
- To ensure all students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure by using a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.
- To ensure the outdoor environment is sun safe and provides shade for students and staff.
- To ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills.
- To incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
- To regularly reinforce the Sun Smart Policy in a positive way through newsletters, student and teacher activities.
- To encourage the children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- To support duty of care requirements.
- To support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors.

Implementation:

- When enrolling their child parents will be:
 - Informed of the Sun Smart Policy
 - Expected to purchase a prescribed school sun smart hat
- To schedule outdoor activities in the morning whenever possible or in shaded areas when possible.
- To require children to wear broad brim school hats which protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (eg recess, lunch, sport, carnivals, excursions and activities) at all times. Wearing of hats is to be compulsory from September until the end of April or 'whenever UV levels reach three or more'.
- To direct children who do not have their hats with them to play in a designated area protected from the sun e.g. under the shade sails from September until the end of April or 'whenever UV levels reach three or more'.
- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts.
- Strategies are in place to remind students to apply their sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen buddies).
- With parental consent, students with naturally very dark skin are not required to wear sunscreen to help with vitamin D requirements.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle or reviewed when completing our SunSmart membership renewal at sunsmart.com.au.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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