



SUNSMART

Policy



Rationale:

- Our SunSmart policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Aims:

- To encourage students and staff to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.
- To encourage and support students to develop independent sun protection skills.

Implementation:

Behaviour:

- Students are required to wear school approved SunSmart hats (legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket) to protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, Phys Ed, excursions) from the start of September until the end of April.
- Students without acceptable hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Students will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) before recess and lunch breaks and all outdoor activities.
- Parents are encouraged to provide their child/ren with sunscreen that they can keep at school.
- The use of sunscreen is encouraged on excursions.
- Students will be encouraged to use available shade areas for outdoor activities.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to wear sunglasses that meet the Australian standard and cover as much of the eye area as possible.
- Staff & parents should act as role models by practicing SunSmart behaviours.
- Staff are required to wear sun protective hats.

Curriculum:

- Awareness of skin cancer prevention will be incorporated at all grade levels.
- SunSmart behaviours will be regularly reinforced in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities, grade awards, prep transition program, etc.
- The SunSmart policy will be reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (eg camps, excursions, sporting events, annual outdoor school events).

Environment:

- Outdoor activities will be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- The Facilities Sub-Committee will continue to provide as much shade in the school grounds as possible.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed every three years.

This policy is in accordance with the recommendations as outlined by SunSmart Victoria www.sunsmart.com.au a subsidiary of Cancer Council Victoria.

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

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