



SunSmart Policy

Rationale:

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.

Aims:

To educate students as to suitable SunSmart protection strategies. To encourage students and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation & Guidelines:

- A SunSmart approved hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform.
- Children will be required to wear SunSmart approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8 cm rigid brim) or legionnaires hats that protect their face, neck and ears from the 1st of September to the 30th of April and on other days whenever UV levels are 3 or higher, or as directed by the Principal.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing SunSmart approved hats when outside.
- Children without SunSmart approved hats will be required to play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to supply and wear a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+).
- During summer months, sport and inter-school sport should be conducted during the morning session where possible.
- The School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The School Council will ensure that school uniform SunSmart approved hats are available for purchase.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the SunSmart policy.
- SunSmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Hats will not be shared under any circumstances.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council - June 2017

Reference:

DEECD School Policy & Advisory Guide (SPAG) Sun & UV protection (2011) and sunsmart.com.au