



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 whilst at school.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear School approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) or the bucket brim hat from the beginning of September to the end of April whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing similar hats when outside.
- Children without hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- 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 will ensure that the school uniform hats are available for purchase from the uniform supplier store, Lowes, Shop G126 Broadmeadows Shopping. Centre.
- 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.

Evaluation:

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

Ratified by School Council in: **June 2016**