

SUNSMART

POLICY

Definition:

Being Sunsmart, means understanding the dangers of being out in the sun without protection and what we can do to reduce those dangers.

Rationale:

Our Sunsmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students attending the school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis in terms 1 and 4.

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 and be responsible for their own sun protection.

Implementation:

- During Terms 1 and 4 students must wear sunsmart approved hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside, (eg. recess, lunch, sport, PE, excursions and camps).
- The school will ensure that a variety of approved Sunsmart hats are available for purchase through the school's uniform supplier.
- During recesses, students without hats will be instructed to play in the shade.
- Students without a hat during any Physical Education or other outdoor activities will miss these activities. On subsequent occasions, students will be issued with a form informing parents of this.
- Staff will act as role-models by also wearing broad-rimmed hats (or other) when outdoors.
- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform including shirts with collars and longer sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts.
- Students will be encouraged not to wear singlet tops on school camps or plain clothes days.
- The school will work with the parent community to encourage parents to take adequate steps to ensure appropriate skin protection for their children, such as wearing appropriate clothing and sunglasses, and/or use of SPF30+ broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen.
- The school supplies SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student's use.
- In Out of School Hours Care sunscreen is provided to students and staff.
- The school will maintain a sufficient number of shelter and trees to provide shade in the school grounds and shade provision will be considered in future buildings and grounds plans.
- Sunsmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted through classroom activities, newsletters, school website and school assemblies.

Evaluation:

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