



SUNSMART POLICY

Purpose (why)

This SunSmart policy provides guidelines 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.
- Ensure the outdoor environment is sun safe and provides shade for students and staff.
- Ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills.
- Support duty of care requirements
- Support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors

Implementation (what and how)

Our school encourages students and staff to protect themselves from ultraviolet sun damage through a variety of risk control strategies.

Procedures

Staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times at sunsmart.com.au or on the free SunSmart app to assist with the implementation of this policy. A combination of sun protection measures are used for all outdoor activities from **September to the end of April** and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above

Behaviour

- Require children to wear the schools broad-brimmed hat, which protects the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions).
- The school supplies SPF 30 sunscreen in all classrooms for staff and students use. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before they go outside.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats are asked to play in the shade under the library verandah.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform and is made from densely woven fabric.

Curriculum:

- Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.

- Ensure the SunSmart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursions, sporting events).

Environment:

- Schedule outdoor activities before 11:00am and after 3:00pm during Terms 1 and 4 whenever possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- The school council makes sure there is sufficient number of shelters and trees where students congregate e.g. canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.

SunSmart app

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