



# Sun Smart Policy

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To ensure that all students:
- 1.2 Are aware of the dangers of exposure to the sun
- 1.3 Are encouraged to take full precautions to minimise exposure to the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun.

## 2. Guidelines

- 2.1.1 The Sunsmart program will be based on Sunsmart policy and activities from the Cancer Council of Victoria.
- 2.1.2 Curriculum studies and other communication avenues will be used to educate the students and school community of the dangers of exposure to the sun.
- 2.1.3 The school will endeavour to protect children from the harmful effect of U.V. rays from the sun with a program of positive reinforcement for those taking precautions as well as sanctions for those who do not.
- 2.1.4 The school will develop and maintain an environment that provides shade for the school community.

## 3. Implementation

During Terms 1 and 4:

- 3.1 All students will be required to wear school uniform hats during outdoor activities.
- 3.2 Any student who does not wear a school uniform hat during recesses outside will be directed to an area protected from the sun, and name noted in School Duty folder.
- 3.3 Parents will be encouraged to supply SPF30+ sunscreen and/or white or flesh coloured zinc cream and educate their children in correct application.
- 3.4 The application of sunscreen is not the teachers' responsibility.
- 3.5 The School Council will include in its project plans the development and maintenance of adequate shaded areas within the school grounds.
- 3.6 Whenever possible outdoor activities will be scheduled before 10.00 a.m. and after 2.00 p.m. (11.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time).
- 3.7 Staff, parents and other adults will be encouraged to act as role models by practising Sunsmart behaviours. Excursion planning, especially for outdoor venues and swimming activities, will at all times take note of the need for minimising exposure to the sun and ensure that appropriate clothing, shade and preventative measures are used at all times.
- 3.8 At the beginning of Terms 1 and 4 Sunsmart will be highlighted in the newsletter, at assemblies and within normal class activities. This will include displays and activities that positively reinforce desirable Sunsmart habits on a whole class basis.



- 3.9 When enrolling their children, parents will be informed of the Sunsmart policy and requested to ensure that their child/children conform to it. This information will be included in the School Information Booklet.
- 3.10 Sunsmart curriculum activities will fall under the Australian Curriculum Health and Physical Education area. The team responsible for this area will incorporate Sunsmart activities within its scope.

#### **4. Evaluation**

Evaluation will be based on:

4.1 A major evaluation which will occur as part of the Health and Physical Education program within the whole school evaluation plan.

4.2 Ongoing observation of students during Terms 1 and 4 as to whether they display desired Sunsmart habits will form the basis by which the success or otherwise of the program will be evaluated.

Date of last review:

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