

SUN SMART POLICY



RATIONALE:

To promote the safety and health of all students, and encourage students to take responsibility for their own welfare.

To protect students from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun which can lead to skin cancer in later life.

This policy is to be implemented in full during Terms 1 and 4.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Ensure there are enough shade areas within the school grounds and the students are to play in the shade under the Oak tree if they are not wearing hats. Lunches will be eaten in shade areas.
2. Expect and encourage children to wear the school broad-brimmed hat correctly, (to protect both face and neck).
3. Where possible, schedule summer sports activities in the early morning, before 10am, and organize outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade wherever possible.
4. Encourage staff to act as role models by;
 - wearing appropriate cover-up clothing and hats.
 - seeking shade where sensible.
5. Regularly reinforce the policy in positive ways, through newsletters and parent meetings.
6. Inform and encourage parents to provide their children with sunscreen and hats.
7. Inform new parents at Open Days of this policy and at Enrolment and encourage parents to practise SunSmart behaviour themselves.
8. Incorporate SunSmart education and activities at all levels when delivering the curriculum.
9. Encourage children to wear clothing that protects the skin from the sun (eg sleeves and collars to minimize exposed skin).

(b) and during all breaks use of broad spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen.

10. Work towards developing and improving existing shade, particularly in areas where students congregate. Shade can be both built and natural.

EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW:

Ongoing assessment of SunSmart behaviour, shade provision and curriculum emphasis.

After consultation The BoT and Principal will amend the policy as required and review every 3 years.

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