

SUN SAFE POLICY



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PURPOSE:

The purpose of a Sun safe policy is to:

- Develop positive attitudes within the school community towards skin protection
- Ensure the care and wellbeing of students whilst at school
- Develop a sense of personal responsibility by the students towards skin protection
- Develop and/or maintain appropriate lifestyle practices, which will help reduce the incidence of skin damage.

STRATEGIES:

- Staff and students are to wear **broad brimmed hat** (minimum of 7.5cm brim), or **bucket hat** (deep crown that sits low on the head and has an angled brim, which is at least 6cm wide) or **Legionnaires hats** for all outdoors during all months excepting June, July and August
- Hats will need to be worn for all extended outdoor activities e.g. sports day, outdoor excursions. Hat colour is navy blue
- Outside activities are kept to a minimum when the UV level is 3 or above (terms 1, 3 & 4) and at their strongest – between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm
- Encourage students to seek shade for outdoor play and school activities
- The wearing of minimum SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen is encouraged and promoted. Students can bring sunscreen from home. Sunscreen may be available to students at school for some outside activities provided there is no risk of different skin reactions to sunscreen as indicated on student medical forms
- Students will apply their own sunscreen
- The **Hot Weather policy** will apply when the estimated maximum temperature is 36c or greater
- Teachers will incorporate learning programs on skin protection via the health curriculum
- Staff will act as role models by practising sun safe behaviour by wearing hats for outside lessons, yard duty and any camps and excursions
- Students not wearing the accepted dress code hats in Terms 1, 3 & 4 at breaks and all outdoor activities will be required to play in designated shade areas
- Sun safe hats will be available for sale through the uniform shop and Student Services.

For more information please visit the Cancer Council site at:

<http://www.cancersa.org.au/cut-my-risk/sunsmart-for-primary-schools>

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