

Policy: SunSmart

Code: 403/030

Program Leader:

1. Rationale

Our SunSmart policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented through the year, but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

2. Aims

- 2.1 To create an awareness and understanding within the school community, of the potential damage that can be caused by the sun.
- 2.2 To encourage staff and parents to be good role models for SunSmart behaviour.
- 2.3 To teach children to accept responsibility for their own SunSmart behaviour, eg, appropriate play areas and clothing.

3. Implementation

- 3.1 Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
- 3.2 Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, information booklets, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
- 3.3 All staff to wear appropriate clothing and hat when outdoors.
- 3.4 School hats must be worn by all children when outside during Term 1 and 4 and on other days as deemed necessary. (Hats must protect neck, ears and face, eg., slouch or legionnaire). Children without hats to play in areas protected from the sun.
- 3.5 It is the parents responsibility to provide their children with a suitable sunscreen where necessary and teach them how to apply it.
- 3.6 Teachers will remind children to apply sunscreen.
- 3.7 The SunSmart slogan will be displayed in all classrooms.
- 3.8 The school community should work towards providing adequate shade in the school grounds.

4. Evaluation

Evaluation will be formally undertaken during the annual policy evaluation process, during which the successes and concerns of the program will be discussed.