

**Rationale:**

The school's Sunsmart policy enables a healthy balance between too much and too little ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Education about Sunsmart behaviour is an important aspect of the culture at our school.

**Aims:**

To ensure that sun protection is used from 31st August until 30<sup>th</sup> April.

To increase student and community awareness about skin cancer and sun protection during high risk times.

To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for children, staff and the school community.

To assist children to be responsible for their own sun protection.

**Implementation:**

Children and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or substantial bucket hats, whenever they are outside from 31/8 – 30/4.

When outside, students must wear clothing that covers their shoulders.

Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

Children who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are required to play in the designated area that is protected from the sun.

Our SunSmart policy is considered when planning all outdoor events e.g. assemblies, camps, excursions and sporting events. Where possible, we have outdoor activities or events in the morning.

At parent request, children with naturally very dark skin may be exempt from wearing hats.

Parents may choose to supply their children with sunscreen, which they would apply themselves.

Teachers and the community will be provided with current information and materials from the Anti-Cancer Council.

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year cycle, next review 2017.

This policy was ratified by school council on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014