

### **Purpose:**

Our SunSmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

### **Guidelines:**

- To increase student and community awareness of skin cancer.
- To adopt practical skin protection measures within the school.
- Develop strategies which encourage responsible decision-making about skin protection.
- To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students and staff.
- To encourage the school community to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen for high risk times such as lunch times, sports, excursions and camps.
- During Terms 1 and 4, particular emphasis will be placed on SunSmart implementation.

### **Implementation:**

- In Term 1 & 4 children will be required to wear the schools broadbrimmed or bucket hat whenever they are outside. In Term 1 & 4 students and parents will be reminded of the schools Sunsmart policy.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing will be asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.
- The parent community will be encouraged to provide SFP 30+ (or higher) broad spectrum sunscreen for students.
- Daily application of sunscreen will be encouraged before outdoor activities in Term 1 & 4.
- Sunscreen will be provided in classrooms for children to use before recess and lunchtime.
- The school community will be notified via the newsletter and Prep Information Booklet as to the type of sunscreen available at school annually.
- Children will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Staff will act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
- Programs on skin cancer prevention will be incorporated at all grade levels.
- SunSmart behaviour will be reinforced through newsletters, student and teacher activities.
- Where possible outdoor activities will be scheduled before 11.00am and after 3.00pm during Terms 1 and 4. Organised outdoor activities are to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- Scheduled outdoor assemblies will be held in the assembly area under the sails.
- The school will work towards increasing the number of sheltered areas to provide adequate shade in the school ground.
- The Curriculum Co-ordinator in consultation with staff will update and promote curriculum materials relevant to SunSmart activities.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed with staff, student, parent and community input as part of the school's three year review cycle.