

Sunsmart Policy

Our Sun Smart 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 throughout the year.

As part of general Sun Smart Strategies, our school will:

BEHAVIOUR:

- Encourage children to wear hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (eg. recess, sport excursions).
- Provide S.P.F. 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student use whenever possible.
- Direct children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising sun smart behaviours.
- Ensure all children and staff wear Sunsmart hats between the periods February-April and September-December. Sun protection is not required between May and August, to assist students to maintain adequate vitamin D levels throughout the winter months
- Direct children who do not have their hats with them to play in an area protected from the sun - follow up notes will be issued to students who do not regularly adhere to our policy.
- Parents will be informed of the Sun Smart Policy when enrolling their children and through the information booklet.

CURRICULUM:

- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
- Regularly re-inforce Sun Smart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, student and teacher activities.

ENVIRONMENT:

- Attempt to schedule all class outdoor activities before 11:00 am and after 3:00pm whenever possible.
- Work toward increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible. On days of extreme heat, students will be involved in a Hot Weather Timetable, where students will not be permitted outside to play, but will have their breaks inside the classroom.

Endorsed by School Council

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