

Marlborough Primary School

School Policies Manual



SUNSMART

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 throughout the year with particular emphasis from 1st September until the end of April.

Implementation:

1. From 1st September until the end of April all children are to wear school approved hats - school legionnaire or wide brimmed hat which protects the face, neck and ears, whenever they are outdoors. Outdoors includes recess, lunch, sport, camps and excursions and Out of School Hours Care. Other items of clothing and footwear to be in line with the school dress code.
2. From 1st September until the end of April a NO HAT, NO PLAY policy will apply. Children not wearing hats will be restricted to the undercover assembly area at all recess times.
3. The school will work with parents to encourage student use of broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen of at least SPF 30+.
4. Student will be encouraged to apply their own sunscreen throughout the day whilst outdoors which includes recess, lunch, sport, camps and excursions and Out of School Hours Care.
5. It is the parents/carers/guardians responsibility to educate their children on how to apply sunscreen correctly.
6. Parents/carers/guardians will supply named sunscreen for their child's use.
7. Students are encouraged to make use of sun opportunities out of the September 1st-April 30th times to maximise vitamin D absorption.
8. Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities during recess and lunchtime or while attending OSHC. Whenever possible class outdoor activities will be held in shaded areas.
9. Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
10. Incorporate skin protection practices according to the stated outcomes described in the Health and Safety components of the National Curriculum (AusVELS).
11. Positively reinforce SunSmart behaviour through parent communications, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.

12. Whenever practicable and possible, schedule outdoor activities before 11:00am. and after 3:00pm from 1st September until the end of April.

Evaluation:

This policy will be regularly reviewed as part of both school's 3 year cycle and the Cancer Council's policy review process.