



The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all children attending our school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

As part of general skin-protection strategies:

- Students will wear hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside e.g. weekly sport, sport carnivals, outdoor excursions, lunch and recess breaks and activities such as the sandpit.
- Students who do not have their hats with them will play in a shaded area.
- Students will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor play activities.
- Outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Teachers will schedule outdoor activities before 10am and after 2pm (11am & 3pm daylight saving time) whenever possible.
- Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviour:
 - Wearing protective hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities.
 - Using an SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for skin protection.
 - Seeking shade whenever possible

Our school will:

- Promote hats which satisfy Cancer Council guidelines as part of its uniform.
- Encourage children to seek whatever shade is provided by sporting carnivals and outdoor events when possible e.g. between games, gazebos
- Provide more shelters and shade trees.
- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention in its curriculum.
- Reinforce regularly the Sun Smart Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.

When enrolling a child, parents will be:

- Informed of the Sun Smart Policy
- Requested to purchase a school hat.
- Encouraged to practise skin-protective behaviour themselves.