



UV PROTECTION POLICY

- Rationale** Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk, therefore students must be continually educated as to the need for suitable sun protection and be protected from over exposure to the sun while at school.
- Aim** To educate and develop within students a positive attitude to 'Sun Smart' strategies.
- To encourage children to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.
- Implementation** This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Staff, students and volunteers are not compelled to wear a broad brimmed hat between 1st June and 31st August of any given year. At all other times, outside activities require the wearing of a broad brimmed hat for UV protection. Students will be excluded from yard play if they do not wear an appropriate hat. Teachers and adult volunteers are expected to model appropriate sun protection practices through the wearing of an appropriate hat.
 - Children without hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
 - Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom and on excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers.
 - Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11.00am.
 - The school will attempt to provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable, particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
 - The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce aims of being sun smart.
 - Being sun smart will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Review** This policy will be reviewed at least every 3 years.