

WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale:

Our SunSmart policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending Winthrop Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UVR from the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis during the months September through to May. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the school community.

Behaviour:

- The school will require students to wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff are requested and encouraged to wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats when outside.
- Ensure that children without broad-brimmed or legionnaire hat are directed to sit in an area that is protected from the sun.
- Encourage positive role modelling of sun protective behaviour by all school staff, parents and guests visiting the school.
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play.
- Students will be encouraged to wear clothing that is sun protective, eg shirts with collars and longer sleeves, rash vests for swimming etc.

Curriculum:

- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all grade levels.
- Promote sun protection throughout the year via the school newsletter, assemblies, list of resources, parent and staff meetings and whole school activities.

Environment

- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, by planting trees and building shade structures.
- Timetable as many outdoor activities as possible before 10.00am. When this is not possible activities should be scheduled as far away from 12noon as is possible. Sport in Terms 1 & 4 is timetabled before 10.30am. The Library is open during lunchtime to provide an additional shade area for students.
- Ensure that adequate shade for all children and staff is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.