

DORSET PRIMARY SCHOOL No: 5132

SUNSMART POLICY

PURPOSE :

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.

BROAD AIMS:

As part of general Sunsmart strategies, our school will :

- Require children to wear broad brimmed or legionnaire hats whenever they are outside from the start of September until the end of April or when the U.V. levels are 3 and above.
- Work with the parent community to provide SPF30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students use.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sunsmart behaviours.
- Encourage the application of sunscreen and the wearing of sunglasses.(Aust. Standard Cat 2,3,4)

GUIDELINES:

- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
- Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in positive ways through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
- Schedule outdoor activities before 11.00 and after 3.00 whenever possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Work toward increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.
- Children who do not have appropriate hats or protective clothing will be expected to play under the canteen.
- The sunsmart convenor will review the Sunsmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
 - Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
 - Update and promote curriculum material relevant to Sunsmart activities.

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