



OSBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale :

The Osborne Primary School Community believes that the students and staff attending the school should be protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. The policy is to be implemented from mid-August until 30th April.


Aims:

- To develop curriculum programs on skin cancer prevention.
- To include Sun Smart ideas in design of playground and other outdoor areas.
- To encourage staff and parents to act as role models and practise Sun Smart behaviour.
- To encourage responsible decision-making about skin protection.
- To develop strategies to protect students and staff from harmful exposure to the Sun.

Implementation:

- Students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats, which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside from the 15th August until the 30th April.
- Hats are available for purchase through the uniform shop
- Cool, loose-fitting, sun-protective clothing is included in our school uniform. It includes shirts with collars and elbow-length sleeves.
- When attending excursions and camps, students are required to wear hats and sun-protective clothing from 15th August until 30th April.
- Students, staff and parents will be encouraged to wear a SPF 30 + (or higher) broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen.
- Teachers will encourage students to reapply sunscreen prior to the lunch break.
- As part of OHS UV risk controls, staff are expected to provide a good role model for students by wearing protective hats and clothing during outside activities.
- Students will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Curriculum programs will incorporate Sun Smart ideas and information about skin cancer prevention.
- Sun Smart behaviour will be regularly reinforced through newsletters, parents meetings, and student and teacher activities.
- Sun Smart ideas and policy will be considered in the planning of outdoor events
- Future planning of outdoor areas will consider Sun Smart ideas and work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees.
- Care will be taken when scheduling outdoor activities between 11am and 3pm during daylight saving times.
- Organised outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- Students not wearing hats will be directed to sit and stay in the shade for all of recess and lunch time. Students' names will be recorded and a note will be sent home to parents each time.

Evaluation: This policy will be evaluated as part of the school's policy review cycle.

Approval Authority (Signature & Date)	 25/3/2021
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This policy was previously ratified by School Council in March 2021	