

HEANY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN SMART POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that students are made aware of and practise, Sun Smart strategies.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide ongoing education that promotes Sun Smart practices for students.
- To educate students to protect themselves from the effects of ultra violet rays and the heat of the sun, whilst understanding the importance of gaining Vitamin D from sunlight during times of low UV levels.
- To encourage staff, parents and visitors to our school to act as role models for students.
- To provide shaded areas in the school grounds.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Classroom practices will support this Sun Smart Policy. Ongoing reminders of Sun Smart practices will be incorporated into everyday procedures.
- School broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats are a compulsory part of the school uniform.
- School hats will be worn at all times for outdoor activities, including excursions, from the beginning of September until the end of April.
- Students will be expected to have school hats on all camps, held during Sun Smart months.
- Students who do not have an appropriate hat will not be able to participate in outdoor activities during class instructional times.
- Students who do not have an appropriate school hat will be required to remain under cover near their classroom during recess and lunch times.
- Students will be encouraged to wear wrap around approved sunglasses (Australian Standard 1067) if they are available to them.
- School hats will be provided to staff for all outdoor activities during the Sun Smart months. Staff may opt to wear an alternate Sun Smart compliant hat.
- Shelters and screens will be provided and trees planted in order to ensure adequate shade in the school grounds.
- Activities being conducted outdoors on hot days particularly during the hours of 10am-2pm (11am-3pm Daylight Saving) will be held under shaded areas, where possible.
- When the Principal or member of the Principal Team, deems conditions are unsuitable for outdoor play a school approved hot day timetable will be implemented.
- Students will be encouraged to drink water regularly and play quiet games on very hot days.
- Students will be expected to wear appropriate clothing, which covers their shoulders and necks, for all school occasions, including camps and free dress days.
- Students will be encouraged to wear and reapply SPF 30+ to 50+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen, which has been provided from home.

EVALUATION

Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Leadership Committee as part of the Education and Policy Committee's cyclic review process in three years time, or beforehand if a significant issue arises.

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