

DRAFT ONLY – PARENT COMMENT WELCOME

Please return to Laura Percival by 5th November, 2010.

Policy Section: *OH&S*

Policy Title: *Sun protection*

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Aim: To protect students, staff and parents from the ongoing risk of damage from harmful sun rays.

Rationale: To educate students on the dangers of exposure to the sun and to teach steps to minimise the risks of long term damage.

Procedures/Rules

- No Hat – No Play (All year round)
- School broad brimmed hat to be worn during the months of November through to March
- School bucket hats or school broad brimmed hats to be worn during remaining months of the year
- Students on high UV days and high temperatures are to be placed in shaded areas.
- Students to be encouraged by staff and parents to apply sunscreen throughout the day
- Students are encouraged to hydrate on a regular basis.
- Students to have their own water bottle
- Students who fail to bring hats after three warnings will have a letter sent to their parents by class teacher, informing them of the schools sun smart expectations (See Appendix for letter)
- Newsletters should regularly remind parents on the need for sun safe practices (office staff)
- Schedule outdoor activities, where possible, outside peak UV times and consider all sun protection measures when planning excursions.

In relation to this policy staff are expected to

- Model sun safe practices e.g. wearing a wide brimmed hat, wear sunglasses, etc
- Encourage children who are overheating to go and have a drink of water and spend some time in a shaded area.
- Encourage students to apply sunscreen throughout the day (especially prior to break times)
- Ensure that sunscreen (SPF30+) is available in the classroom
- Teach Sun Safe practices as per Council recommendations (see attachment) and /DET curriculum requirements
- Display Sun Smart posters in their classroom and refer regularly to them.
- Schedule outdoor activities, where possible, outside peak UV times and consider all sun protection measures when planning excursions.

In relation to this policy students are expected to.....

- Follow school procedures and rule in relation to Sun Smart recommendations
- Wear appropriate hat during all periods of outdoor play, on excursions and during sporting activities.
- Apply sunscreen throughout the day.
- Actively participate in sun protection lessons and activities
- Encourage their peers to be Sun Smart

In relation to this policy parents are expected to.....

- Be aware of the school sun protection policy (see school website)
- Ensure that their child wears appropriate school hat (see procedures and rules above)
- Encourage or apply sunscreen to their child before they leave for school and encourage them to apply further sunscreen prior to break times.
- Ensure their child has a water bottle
- Model sun safe practices