



SUNSMART

POLICY



Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To educate students as to suitable SunSmart protection strategies.
- To ensure students (and teachers) are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear school approved broad brimmed hats whenever they are outside during periods of the year designated as high UV times (Level 3 or higher), as identified by SunSmart (generally mid August to end of April)
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to supply and apply their own broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers. Staff must not apply sun screen to students
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such play equipment.
- The school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the school.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the SunSmart policy and designated SunSmart times.
- Where practical students are encouraged to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.
- Students must wear a rash vest or t-shirt during outdoor water based activities during on camps/outdoor education activities.
- SunSmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Our school is accredited as a SunSmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Resources:

SunSmart Early Childhood & Primary Schools

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-primary-schools>

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle

This policy was last ratified by Wandin Yallock Primary School Council in **MAY 2017**