



Sunsmart Policy

Mooroopna Primary School

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.

Aim

To educate students as to suitable Sunsmart protection strategies.

To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Cancer Council approved hats during terms 1 and 4 and whenever they are outside.
- 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 wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom, and on excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers.
- School Council will allow the use of close fitting UV protection wrap around AS1067 sunglasses by both students and staff.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- School uniform hats are available for purchase from the uniform provider.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce sunsmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed triennially as part of the school's three-year review cycle.