

A.N.P.S. SUNSMART POLICY

PURPOSE:

The A.N.P.S. Sun Smart Policy and related program will be implemented to encourage students and staff to be aware of the damage that may be caused by harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun.

GUIDELINES:

Behaviour

As part of A.N.P.S. Sun Smart strategies it is compulsory for all students to wear a school hat in the appropriate manner from September 1st to April 30th during each school year. There may be occasions when the students will be directed to wear school hats at other times throughout the year eg, special events, excursions, warm weather days.

As part of general Sun Smart strategies, A.N.P.S. will:

1. Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
2. Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviour.
3. School uniform policy ensures that sunsmart uniform items are available.
4. Sunglasses will be encouraged and made available for sale at the school.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Incorporate programs on skin cancer preventions into the curriculum (ie Sun Smart)
2. Regularly reinforce Sun Smart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters/assemblies/parent information/interview meetings student and teacher activities.
3. The Sun Smart policy to be implemented throughout the year with particular emphasis from September 1st to April 30th, where hats are compulsory. **Our school uniform includes either a broad-brimmed slouch hat or a legionnaire cap.**
4. **From May until August, sun protection is not used unless the UV Index level reaches 3 and above.**
5. **Particular care is taken between 10am and 3pm when UV Index levels reach their peak during the day.**
6. Outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
7. Development of shade areas to be continued.
8. Parents may make a written application to the Principal requesting that a student be exempt from wearing a sun hat. Possible grounds for exemption include health and religious reasons.
9. Consequences for "not wearing a hat" will be determined through consultation with Staff/School Council: eg Staying in a designated area.
10. **The school has sufficient shade areas to provide adequate sun protected areas within the school grounds.**
11. **The use of wrap wrap-around sunglasses that meet Australian Standard 1067 (sunglasses – category 2,3 or 4) is suggested.**
12. **The use of SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is encouraged, with time for application of sunscreen allowed. Children are reminded to apply sunscreen.**

RESOURCES:

Budget to be negotiable.

Literature from Anti - Cancer Council, Vic Health, www.sunsmart.com.au

EVALUATION:

1. Ongoing monitoring of student attitudes by classroom teachers.
2. Continuing observation by staff during yard duty/outdoor activities.
3. Whole school evaluation at mid-year.
4. Recommendations followed up by committee.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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FOR CONSIDERATION: "At the Principal's discretion, modified playtimes may be arranged when there are extreme temperatures which could affect student wellbeing."