



PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy and Procedures: SunSmart

This policy applies to all school events on and off-site.

1. PURPOSE

This SunSmart policy provides guidelines to:

- Ensure all students and staff are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation;
- Ensure the outdoor environment provides shade for students and staff;
- Ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection;
- Support duty of care requirements; and appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors.

Legislation and Standards

[Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004](#)

[Education and Training Reform Act 2006](#): Sch.5 Reg. 1 (1.2)

2. IMPLEMENTATION

- The School Council makes sure there are sufficient shelters and trees providing shade in outdoor areas particularly in high-use areas e.g. where students have lunch, canteen, assemblies, sports, outdoor lessons and popular play spaces.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning all other outdoor activities.
- Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats or clothing are asked to move to a designated area protected from the sun.
- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform and sports uniform. It includes shirts with collars and elbow-length sleeves, longer dresses and shorts.
- All students are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears (legionnaire or broad-brimmed), whenever they are outside between 1 September to 30 April. Peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.
- Students are encouraged to provide their own SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen and/or the school will also have SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen available for staff and student use.
- Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours or more frequently if sweating or swimming.
- Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices)
- Where practical students are encouraged to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

3. EVALUATION

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

References:

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

<https://www.arpansa.gov.au/>

This policy was ratified by School Council on...

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