

Sunsmart POLICY

Rationale:

At Derrimut Primary school we have developed a Sunsmart policy that will ensure that all children attending our school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun.

AIMS

- To ensure that hats which protect the face, neck and ears are worn whenever outside (eg.recess, lunch, sport, excursions).
- To direct children who do not have hats with them to play in designated areas protected from the sun.
- To provide hats that satisfies Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria guidelines as part of the school uniform. ie legionnaires or broad brimmed hats.
- To provide SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student use whenever possible.
- To encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- To encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sunsmart behaviour.

Implementation

- To regularly reinforce Sunsmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parents meetings, students and teacher activities.
- To incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
- To use resources such as Sunsmart, *Fun for Everyone*. (A primary teaching resource book), in an integrated approach to relevant units of work.

Environment:

- To schedule where possible outdoor activities such as PE sessions and sport in the morning before 11:00 am.
- To organise outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- To provide indoor activities on days of high risk.
- To preserve and care for the number of trees in our playground which provide shelter for the children.
- To maintain and extend if necessary the shelters which provide shade in our playground.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.
This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... 2009