

Williamstown Primary School Sun Smart Policy

Authorisation

The policy was re - adopted at Williamstown Primary School Council meeting on 15.06.2004

Review date

This policy shall be reviewed in 2007 or updated before if required.

Background

The sun's rays are so harmful to skin that positive education and intervention should be undertaken to protect children.

Implementation:

- It is required all children will wear an 8 –10 cm broad-rimmed or Legionnaires hat and a T-shirt whenever they are outside. Parents will be expected to supply these items.
- Children will be directed to designated shaded areas if not wearing a hat.
- Children are expected to apply sunscreen every day before school, carry a personal roll-on sunscreen and apply this sunscreen before going outside for recess, lunch sport or similar outdoor activity.
- SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be provided for staff and students whenever needed or required. Stronger sunscreen may be supplied by parents at their discretion.
- Children will be educated and encouraged to use available shade at recess and lunchtimes.
- Children must apply sunscreen before commencing outdoor activities.
- All adults on school premises will be encouraged to act as role models for practising Sunsmart behaviours by wearing broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats.
- Children will be encouraged to drink water from pop-top bottles during the hot weather. At teacher discretion children may keep their water bottles on their desks.
- Children will be required to wear protective suits/shirts during the cold-water swimming program in term 1.

Curriculum:

- Skin cancer education and prevention programs will be incorporated into the curriculum.
- Sunsmart behaviour will regularly be incorporated into the normal communication channels of the school and it's community.
- Sunsmart program will be conducted at the beginning of every school year.

Environment:

- Outdoor activities will be scheduled before 11.00am and after 3.00pm during terms 1 and 4 whenever possible.
- Sunhats will be provided as part of the school uniform
- Outdoor activities will be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.