

SUNSMART

POLICY

Our SunSmart policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented from September to April – when UV radiation is strongest (or during terms 1 & 4 if more practical).

As part of general SunSmart strategies, our school will:

Behaviour

- Children are required to wear broad-brimmed (school uniform hat) whenever they are outside (eg. recess, lunch, sport, excursions).
- The use of wrap around sunglasses that meet Aust standard 1067 (Sunglasses category 2,3,or4)
- Work with the parent community to provide SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student use whenever possible
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before morning recess and prior to the lunch break.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities
- Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
- Encourage children to wear sunglasses whenever they are outside.
- Children who do not have appropriate hats are to play in the outdoor learning area.

Curriculum

- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum
- Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
- Ensure the Sunsmart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (eg. camps, excursions, sporting events etc.)

Environment

- Schedule outdoor activities before 11:00 am where possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible
- Work toward increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.

Evaluation

- Airly Primary School Council will review the effectiveness of this policy at the last council meeting of every 3rd year.

This policy was last ratified by Airly Primary School Council at its meeting dated

December 10th, 2007