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Sunsmart Policy

Rationale:

- Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To educate students as to suitable sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) or an approved school bucket hat until the end of April and from September 1st until the end of the school year whenever they are outside.
- Staff and parent helpers will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom, and on excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers. Where possible, sunscreen is applied 10 minutes prior to being exposed to the sun.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The School will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed and bucket hats are available for purchase from the office.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Our school will seek accreditation as a Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed in 2014 as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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

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References: Exec Memo No 99/039,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria ph: 9635 5148

Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/4-5.pdf>