

# **SUN PROTECTION POLICY**

## **Rationale**

Australia has a high rate of skin cancer. Practising sun protection in early childhood and adolescence could prevent many skin cancers. This policy has been developed to ensure that students and staff are protected from over-exposure to the rays of the sun. These practices will be applied to all school activities including sports events, excursions and camps. It is implemented using mature judgement and common sense, and is particularly important throughout Term 1 and Term 4 of the school year.

## **Objectives**

- To increase student and community awareness of skin cancer
- To assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision-making about skin protection
- To work towards a safe school environment
- To encourage, students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen during high-risk times
- To ensure that parents are informed

## **Implementation**

Students and staff are encouraged to wear sun protective hats that shade the face, neck and ears during recess, lunchtime and during sporting and other high-risk activities. They should apply broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen before and during all outdoor activities.

The use of broad brimmed hats is essential. Baseball caps and similar head coverings need to be promptly identified as inadequate, and replaced.

The school has a “reserve supply” of sun hats for children who have forgotten their own.

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