



Sun Smart

POLICY - 2014

Rationale:

Myrning Primary School Sun Smart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun.

Aims:

- Ensure all students and staff have some UV exposure for vitamin D
- Ensure all students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure by using a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above
- Ensure the outdoor environment is sun safe and provides shade for students and staff.
- Ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills.
- Support duty of care requirements
- Support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors

Implementation:

- Students will be required to wear the school uniform hat, navy blue, wide brimmed, which protects the face, neck and ears – at recesses, sport and school excursions during the period between and including September 1st, and April 30th the following year
- Ensure all students and staff have some UV exposure for vitamin D.
- Ensure all students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure by using a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.
- Students without hats will be required to remain in a sun protected area.
- Parents will be expected to apply sun block SPF 30+, to child before school, and teachers to supervise the application of sun block, ½ an hour prior to the lunch recess.
- Parents will be expected to supply sun block in their child's bag.
- Parents must notify teachers of any allergies the child may have to sun block.
- Each class will have a supply of sun block available for student use.
- Students are to use available areas of shade for out-door activities.
- Staff and parents encouraged to act as role models by practising sun smart behaviours, wearing sun block and hats.

CURRICULUM-

- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all grade levels.
- Regularly reinforce sun smart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
- Ensure that the Sun Smart Policy is reflected in the planning of out door events – camps, excursions and sporting events.

ENVIRONMENT-

- Schedule outdoor activities, before 11.00am and after 3.00pm during the year whenever possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas where there is plenty of shade, or in the multi-purpose room.
- Work towards increasing the numbers of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.

EVALUATION :

This policy will be regularly reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

- Reviewing the sun smart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assessing shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
- Updating and promoting curriculum material relevant to sun smart activities.