

SUNSMART POLICY

PURPOSE

Our Sunsmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending Devon Meadows Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

GUIDELINES

A. Behaviour

- Require children to wear broad-trimmed or legionnaire hats, in the appropriate manner, whenever they are outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions) in terms 1 and 4.
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch break.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Request staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.

B. Curriculum

- Incorporate Sunsmart programs into the curriculum at all grade levels. Pupils without hats will not participate in P.E. / Sport or yard recess time in Terms 1 and 4.
- 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. (e.g. camps, excursions, sporting events.)

C. Environment

- Make available sun protective clothing items as part of our school uniform.
- Schedule outdoor activities before 11.00am. and after 2.30pm during Terms 1 and 4 whenever possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- Schedule outdoor assemblies early in the day or in an area where all students can be in shade.
- Work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the schoolgrounds.

EVALUATION

The School Council through the Environment and Curriculum Sub Committees will review the effectiveness of this policy every two years. (October 2012)

They will:

- Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors, and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
- Update and promote curriculum material relevant to SunSmart activities.



COUNCIL APPROVED: _____

DATED: _____