

4.32 SUNSMART

POLICY FOR ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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:

- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff 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 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.
- Students and staff may also wear close fitting , School Uniform, UV protection sunglasses.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The School will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats and sunglasses are available for purchase from the uniform store.
- 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.

Evaluation:

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

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

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