Sun Smart Policy - 2013

Policy Coordinator: The Principal

PURPOSE:
• 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.
• To educate students as to suitable sun smart 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 hats during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
• Staff will act as role models by also wearing hats when outside.
• Children without hats will be restricted to playing 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.
• Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
• The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sun smart policy.
• Sun smart 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 Sun smart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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

Ratified by School Council: October 2013

References: School Policy and Advisory Guide – Sun and UV Protection