



## SUNSMART POLICY

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To encourage all students and staff members to maintain a healthy UV exposure balance.
- 1.2 To ensure that all students and staff are protected, to the best of our ability, from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet rays.

### **2.0 GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 To ensure that the Sunsmart Policy is reinforced throughout the year with particular emphasis from September to April inclusive.
- 2.2 To educate students about suitable Sunsmart protection strategies.
- 2.3 To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from harmful effects of the sun.
- 2.4 To schedule outdoor activities before 11.00a.m. and after 3.00p.m. during September and April whenever possible.
- 2.5 The Principal is to make an annual assessment of shade provision and usage as per the DEECD's O.H.S. Policy and recommendations to be made for maintenance and increase in shade provision.
- 2.6 The Sunsmart Policy is to be reflected in the planning of all outdoor activities.

### **3.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

- 3.1 During the period, between September and April, students are to wear the broad brim school hat and suitable clothing (refer to Newstead Primary School School Dress Code Policy).
- 3.2 All students, on enrolment, will be provided with a free school broad brim hat. Subsequent hats are to be purchased by parents/caregivers.
- 3.3 Students without hats must stay under the designated shade areas during the September to April period.
- 3.4 To request staff and parents to act as role models practising Sunsmart behaviour, including the wearing of appropriate hats.
- 3.5 At the start of each year the sunscreen application permission form will be sent home.
- 3.6 To work with the parent community to provide SPF30 and broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen for student and staff use.
- 3.7 To encourage the application of sunscreen prior to outdoor activities particularly during the September and April period.
- 3.8 Sunsmart activities to be part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum areas across the school.
- 3.9 To act upon shade assessment recommendations, wherever practical or possible
- 3.10 The school newsletter and assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce Sunsmart practices
- 3.11 Sunsmart Accreditation from the anti Cancer council of Victoria to be sought for our school.

**3.12** Students are able to wear sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067.

**4.0 EVALUTION**

**4.1** An review to take place in 3 years time.

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