



McKinnon Primary School SunSmart Policy

1. Rationale:

- 1.1. To provide students, staff and parents/carers of McKinnon Primary School with better sun protection knowledge and behaviours.

2. Aims:

McKinnon Primary School aims to:

- 2.1. increase student and community awareness of skin cancer risks and other damage caused by UV radiation.
- 2.2. ensure students use a combination of sun protection measures.

3. Implementation:

3.1. Students are:

- 3.1.1. required to wear a SunSmart navy legionnaires/bucket/broad brimmed hat which protects the face, neck, and ears from 1 September to 30 April whenever they are outside
- 3.1.2. to be restricted to play in designated shaded areas if they are without a navy legionnaires/bucket/broad brimmed hat.
- 3.1.3. required to provide and apply their own SPF 30 or higher, broad spectrum sunscreen before going outdoors.
- 3.1.4. required to wear SunSmart clothing that fully covers their shoulders, on free dress days and sports days.
- 3.1.5. encouraged to use the shaded areas for outdoor activities.

3.2. The role of **parents/carers** is to:

- 3.2.1. be active SunSmart role models; wearing appropriate hats and clothing when outdoors.
- 3.2.2. encourage their child to be SunSmart by providing an appropriate school hat and adhere to the McKinnon Primary School SunSmart policy.
- 3.2.3. apply and provide SPF 30 or higher sunscreen that their child can apply throughout the day.

3.3. The role of **staff** is to:

- 3.3.1. be active SunSmart role models; actively adhering to wearing a bucket/broad brimmed hat when outdoors.
- 3.3.2. remind students of the need to reapply sunscreen and wear their school hat throughout the day.
- 3.3.3. plan and implement, whenever possible, Sport and Physical Education programs outside peak periods of UV radiation between 1 September to 30 April.

3.4. The role of the **school** is to:

- 3.4.1. ensure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school, particularly in areas where students congregate.
- 3.4.2. promote SunSmart practices as per our policy located on our website.
- 3.4.3. promote the monitoring of the UV widget located on our website.
- 3.4.4. display SunSmart signs throughout the school.

4. Resources:

- 4.1. The Cancer Council of Victoria provides guidelines for the correct implementation of SunSmart procedures.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The section states the time period that School Council will conduct a review of the Policy; either annually or every 3 years as determined by School Council or DET guidelines.

All policies will be available to the community via the Compass portal.

REVISION AND APPROVAL HISTORY

The section records the history and review of each policy.

Date	Reviewed by	Description of outcome	Council Approval date
April 2016	Policy	Approved	April 2016
18 th March 2019	Education	Approved	18 th March 2019



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