



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 a 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.

5. Evaluation:

- 5.1. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.
Review Date: 2019

This policy was last amended by School Council in: April 2016