



Keilor Views Primary School SunSmart Policy

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:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed or bucket hat during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- The school supports and endorses the new campaign of '5 things to remember in September' by advertising and educating students on this program.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed/bucket hats when outside.
- Children without broad brimmed/bucket hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (*SPF30+*) that is applied at home prior to the children arriving at school. Children are also encouraged to have a personal supply of sunscreen (*SPF30+*) in their schoolbag to apply as required.
- The school will engage the services of an eye wear company to provide information to parents on the benefits of eye protection and act as an agent for the sale of such items.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council will provide adequate shade and sheltered areas for students as practicable.
- 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.
- Our school will seek accreditation as a SunSmart school from the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Evaluation:

Keilor Views Primary will be evaluating this policy as part of the school's review cycle.

Reference: SOTF Reference Guide – 4.5.11, Exec Memo No 99/039, Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria Ph: 9635 5148

This policy was ratified by School Council on 22 November 2017



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