

## Sunsmart Policy

Status: Review 2014  
Education Committee.

### 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.

### Guidelines:

- ◆ School newsletters and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce DEECD and the Anti-Cancer Council's Sunsmart Policy.
- ◆ Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- ◆ RHPS will encourage students to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- ◆ RHPS will encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sunsmart behaviour.
- ◆ RHPS will encourage students to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved sunglasses if they have been provided.

### Implementation:

- ◆ This policy is part of our dress code.
- ◆ Outside activities on hot days will be scheduled before 11.00am, whenever possible.
- ◆ Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved hats which are broad brimmed hats or legionnaire hats. These are available from the School Uniform Shop. Hats will be worn until May 1<sup>st</sup> [as per Anti-Cancer Council Policy.] and from the beginning of Term 4.
- ◆ Staff will act as role models wearing broad brimmed hats from May 1<sup>st</sup> and Term 4. .
- ◆ Children without approved hats will be restricted to the shaded area as designated.
- ◆ Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen. Sunscreen will be applied by students under teacher supervision.
- ◆ Students are able to wear UV protection wrap around sunglasses that meet Standard AS1067.
- ◆ School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students; particularly over high density play areas such as sandpits and play equipment.
- ◆ Sunscreen shall be kept in the first aid room [At least Factor 15+]
- ◆ Parents and Friends Association will ensure that school uniform Anti-Cancer Council approved broad brimmed and legionnaire hats are available for purchase from the uniform store.
- ◆ Our school will continue to maintain our accreditation as a Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

### Evaluation:

The Sunsmart Policy will be reviewed annually with a major review undertaken every 3 years by the Education Sub-Committee of School Council or as needed.

References: Exec Memo No 99/039,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria ph: 9635 5148

Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/4-5.pdf>  
[www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)