SUNSMART POLICY

1. Rationale
Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. All students and staff will be educated in the need for protection from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

2. Guidelines
The Cancer Council of Victoria accredits our school as a Sunsmart school.
- To educate students as to suitable Sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and staff to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

3. Implementation
- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8cm rigid brim) during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Arrangements will be made for children without appropriate hats to be kept away from the effects of the sun’s rays.
- Parents will be notified if their child does not have the appropriate hat at school.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF 30+), provided by their family. Teachers will supervise students applying their own sunscreen.
- Wherever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00am.
- The school council will continue to provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The School will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase.
- 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 of all year levels.
- On days of extreme heat, at the principal’s discretion, children will stay inside air-conditioned classrooms as a ‘Hot Day’ timetable.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

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