

PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale

Pinewood Primary School Sunsmart policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms One and Four.

Guidelines

As part of general Sunsmart strategies, our school:

- promotes the wearing of school or similar hats for outdoor activities as compulsory in Terms One and Four
- encourages students to use their own sunscreen
- expects children not wearing hats during Terms One and Four, to play under the shade as determined by the Principal
- encourages staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sunsmart behaviours
- schedules outdoor activities to take place before 11 a.m. and after 3 p.m. during Terms One and Four, wherever possible
- organises outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade during Terms One and Four wherever possible.

Implementation

- Children will be expected to wear hats, which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside, e.g. recess, lunch, excursions, sport and camps.
- Children will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities during Terms One and Four.
- Programs on skin cancer prevention will be included in the curriculum, e.g. within Health units of work.
- Sunsmart behaviour will be regularly reinforced in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, and student and teacher activities.
- A tree-planting program will continue to increase shaded areas around playground and courts.
- Interschool sport will be scheduled before 11:00 a.m. in Term One when practical.
- The school will provide sails over play equipment areas.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.