



MILING PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN SMART POLICY

RATIONALE

Our SunSmart policy and guidelines have been developed and implemented by the school community to allow each student to develop a responsible attitude towards, and an understanding for the need for precautions against prolonged exposure to UV rays. It is in place to ensure all Miling Primary School students are protected from skin damage caused by harmful UVR from the sun. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied all year round to all school activities such as sport carnivals, excursions and camps.

PROCEDURES

Behaviour

- All students to wear, as part of their uniform, a blue bucket hat at all times when outside.
- No Hat-No Play. This is applied at recess and lunch breaks, fitness, Physical education and all sport days, excursions and camps.
- Students to apply 30+ (minimum) sunscreen prior to exposure to the sun. The school provides sunscreen free of charge to all students, this is housed in each classroom and the undercover area where students have easy access to the containers. If students require special sunscreen, parents are required to supply it to the school.
- All staff are required to model appropriate practices – applying and wearing sunscreen, wearing a hat at all times when outside.
- Children will be encouraged to wear sun protective clothing during special events such as rash vests for swimming carnivals.

Curriculum

- Regular promotion/reminders are placed in the school newsletter and parents are requested to model appropriate behaviours especially upon entering the school grounds.
- Sun safe procedures and guidelines are to formulate part of the ongoing Curriculum delivery at school. Specific lessons are to be taken as a part of the Health Education Learning Area on a regular basis across K-6.

Environment

- Students are encouraged to play in appropriate shaded areas, especially in Terms 1 & 4.
- All Physical Education and Daily Fitness programs are to be conducted before 10:30am and make best use of all available or suitable shade. All other outdoor activities are to be planned with this proviso in mind.
- Shaded areas are provided for passive recreation because of the extreme temperatures in this area and students are actively encouraged to utilise them.
- Children are to eat their recess and lunch in the undercover or gazebo area.
- On days with extreme temperatures, a classroom or the Library is to be opened for students to spend recess and/or lunch breaks with a duty teacher supervising like normal.

EVALUATION

The Miling Primary School Staff will review the effectiveness of this policy each year, with a formal update every two years (unless deemed necessary to do so earlier). They will;

- Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents, and visitors and make recommendations for improvement
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increase in shade provision
- Update and promote curriculum material relevant to SunSmart activities

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