



MORNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



MPS Sunsmart Policy

Purpose:

Our Sunsmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Guidelines for Implementation:

- This policy is to be implemented during Terms 1 and 4 – when UV radiation is strongest.
- Children are required to wear the Mornington Primary School broad-brimmed or bucket hats whenever they are outside during terms 1 and 4: recess, lunch, sport, excursions. Students are also welcome to wear school hats outside of these terms.
- Students, staff and parents will be encouraged to wear SPF 30+ (or higher) broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch break.
- Children will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Staff are requested, and parents will be encouraged, to act as role models by practicing Sunsmart behaviours.
- Programs on skin cancer prevention will be incorporated into the curriculum as appropriate.
- Sunsmart behaviours will be regularly reinforced in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, and student / teacher activities.
- The Sunsmart Policy will be reflected in the planning of all outdoor events: camps, excursions, whole school activities, sporting events.
- Sun protective clothing items will be available as part of our school uniform.
- Whenever possible, outdoor activities will be scheduled to minimise the harmful effects of the sun.
- The school community will work toward managing the number of shelters and trees to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.
- When involved in swimming and other outdoor activities, students, staff and parents will be encouraged to wear clothing that offers the most effective protection from the sun and UV rays.
- In times when students either misplace or forget their hats, they are required to play in the designated shade area. Whilst this is subject to change, this is currently the 'pavilion' between the top basketball court and the hall. This strategy is not a punishment but a means to managing this aspect of our SunSmart policy.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed triennially.

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School Council Ratification:

Next Review: 2020
Responsibility for Draft: Policy and Education School
Council Sub Committee