

Kilbirnie School

Sunsmart Procedures



Purpose:

To ensure students are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UV radiation of the sun, which can lead to serious skin cancer, melanoma, in later life.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students and is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

Responsibilities:

School

- The school will work towards improving existing shade and towards increasing and maintaining shade, particularly where students congregate.
- The school will endeavour to provide shade for students and staff at all outdoor events and activities during Terms 1 and 4.
- The school will ensure that there are enough shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds.
- The school will regularly reinforce the SunSmart Policy in a positive way through newsletters and student and teacher activities.
- The school will incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programmes into appropriate key learning areas of the school curriculum.
- The School will inform parents of the SunSmart policy at enrolment and request them to provide a hat and SPF 30+ sunscreen for their children during Terms 1 and 4.

Staff

- Will enforce the “no hat no play” policy.
- Will wear hats when outside.

Process:

Children are required to wear hats which protect the face, neck and ears when they are outside (e.g. interval, lunch, sport, excursions and activities) during Terms 1 and 4.

“No Hat, No Play”. Children without a hat are only permitted to play in supervised/allocated shade areas.

Staff and children will be encouraged to wear clothing, which protects the skin from the sun, and to apply a sunscreen (SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum) before going out into the sun.

SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum sunscreen will be made available to all staff and children.

Staff are required to role model SunSmart behaviour by wearing hats and sun protective clothing, applying sunscreen and seeking shade whenever possible.

Events and activities with a particular SunSmart focus will be timetabled for Terms 1 and 4.

Whenever possible, outdoor activities and sport events will be scheduled before 11.00am.

Review

The policy will be reviewed every three years.