



Hoddles Creek Primary School

Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Our school community must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun.

Aims:

- To educate students and the school community as to suitable sun smart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code / Uniform Policy.
- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad rimmed hats (at least 8cm rigid brim) in good condition, during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad rimmed hats when outside.
- Children without broad rimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to take and wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) to school and on excursions.
- School Council recommends the use of close fitting UV protection wrap around AS/NZS 1087 sunglasses by both students and staff.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The School Council will ensure that school uniform broad rimmed hats are available for purchase from the uniform store.
- 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 at all year levels.

Evaluation:

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

Reviewed by – Staff and School Council June 2009
Ratified by School Council 16 June 2009