



Sun Safe Policy

At Flinders Park Primary School we believe that:

- The family, school and individuals have a responsibility to ensure sun safe procedures and facilities are in place
- Children should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own skin protection
- Parents / community will support the schools Sun Safe policy

Therefore, teachers will:

In class:

- Teach about the harmful effects of over exposure to the sun
- Teach about sun safe procedures
- Encourage students to use 30 or higher, broad spectrum and water resistant sunscreen, SunSmart hats and appropriate clothing (e.g. longer-style shorts/dresses and dresses/shirts with sleeves and collars as per dress code.
- Encourage students who have skin conditions and allergies to use their own sunscreen supplied from home and the teacher is to be made aware of the situation
- Display appropriate signs / posters in the classroom to remind the school community to be safe in the sun
- Conduct outdoor lessons at a time / place which will reduce sun exposure. ie. before 11am when the UV radiation level is 3 or above
- Follow the hot weather routine if temperature is 36⁰C or over
- Encourage children to wear SunSmart hats on potentially harmful days when hats are not compulsory

In the yard:

- Model good practice by wearing sunscreen, SunSmart hats, hats that protect the face, neck and ears (i.e. legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket) when outside and clothing as per dress code described previously
- Monitor the wearing of SunSmart hats between September 1st and April 30th as per Cancer Council recommendations

Students will:

- Actively participate in lessons about sun safety
- Wear a SunSmart hat and appropriate clothing and sunscreen during outdoor activities
- Wear hats for all outdoor activities from September 1st – April 30th as per Cancer Council recommendations

Parents will:

- Provide their children with a hat and clothing which is in line with the Sun Safe Policy

As a school we will:

- Ensure sun safety lessons are part of the classroom program
- Provide designated constructed shaded areas or indoor areas on high risk sun exposure days
- Support families to access SunSmart hats and sunscreen through social justice budgets and newsletter promotion
- Regularly promote Sun-Safe practices in newsletters, at assemblies and in classrooms
- Consider the issue of sun protection when planning excursions
- Induct new students and their families into our Sun Safe Policy