Sun Protection Policy

At Flinders Park Primary School we believe that:

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

Therefore, teachers will:

In class:

- Teach about the harmful effects of over exposure to the sun
- Teach about Sun Protection procedures.
- Encourage students to use sunscreen plus Sun smart hats and appropriate clothing
- Sun screen supplied is recommended by the department and is applied by the child.
- For students who have skin conditions and allergies they are to use their own sun cream 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 reduces sun exposure. i.e. before 11am when the temperature is 35°C and over.
- Follow the hot weather routine if temperature is 36°C or over

In the yard:

- Model good practice by wearing Sunscreen, Sun smart hats and clothing
- Monitor the wearing of hats all year round

Students will:

- Actively participate in lessons about Sun protection.
- Wear a Sun smart hat and appropriate clothing and sunscreen during outdoor activities.
- Hats will be worn all year round

Parents will:

- Provide their children with a hat and clothing which is commensurate with the Sun Protection Policy

As a school we will:

- Ensure Sun Protection 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 Sun smart 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 Protection Policy

Hot Weather Policy

Applies if at 10.55 (Recess) and 1.00pm (Lunch eating) when the temperature is 36 degrees or above when the website www.bom.gov.au is checked; this process will be repeated at 1.30 (for Lunchtime) and at 10:50am recess time – if the internet is “down” we will ring 1196 - we will

- Will be shortened by 10 minutes (10minutes out and 10 minutes in classroom).
- Students are to play in sheltered areas only, running and balls are not allowed.
- Students are not to play on the oval, asphalt courts or playground equipment.

Lunch (12.55)

- Ring the bell three times and students will stay in doors
- “Buddy System” for teachers’ release time will operate
- The library and the computer room will be open and supervision organised by librarian on Thursday and Fridays… FOR 3 STUDENTS PER CLASS
- Gym to be used recess and lunchtimes supervised by leadership …see INCLEMENT WEATHER