

SOUTHERN CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNSMART POLICY

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PURPOSE:

The Southern Cross Primary School community believes that all students and staff attending the school should be protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra violet rays of the sun.

GUIDELINES:

- Heightened awareness of skin cancer risks and means of protection should encourage responsible decision making about being Sun Smart; and
- Provision of a SunSmart school environment should decrease risk of sun damage.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Students must wear a broad brimmed/Legionnaire hat during Terms 1 and 4 for all outdoor activities.
- Students without hats in terms 1 or 4 must stay under the roofed areas in the courtyard and face consequences as per the Student Dress Code Policy;
- During Physical Education and sporting activities students are required, where possible, to wear a hat or remain in the shade;
- Year 6 interschool sport will be held before recess all year to avoid strong sun;
- Adequate shelter and trees will be provided to shade the school grounds;
- Students may wear their own sunscreen at school;

- The SunSmart Policy will be reinforced regularly in positive ways through newsletter and parent information; and
- Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviour.

EVALUATION:

The SunSmart Policy will be reviewed by the Student Welfare Coordinator in consultation with the Consultative Committee, every three years or sooner if required.