SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale:
A healthy balance of ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure is important for health. Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:
- To educate students on to suitable Sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage students and teachers to maintain a healthy UV exposure balance.
- To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times.

Implementation:
- **Sunsmart runs from 1st September to 30th April**
- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- During the Sunsmart period students will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave bucket or broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim).
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing bucket or broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Students without bucket or broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Students will be permitted to apply a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen provided by their parents.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council provides adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The school will ensure that school uniform bucket or broad brimmed 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 and will include:**
- Revision of Sunsmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
- Update and promote curriculum material relevant to Sunsmart activities.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... May 2014

References: Exec Memo No 99/039,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria ph: 9635 5148