

Policy No.	MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL	Reviewed
000	SUNSMART POLICY	September 2013

1. PURPOSE

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.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- a) To educate students as to suitable sunsmart protection strategies
- b) To encourage children and staff to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- a) This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- b) Children will be required to wear School Council approved school uniform, which will include shirts with collars, longer styled shorts and skirts, and broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- c) Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats (at least 6cm rigid brim) when outside.
- d) Staff members may wear broad brimmed hats of their own choosing so long as they have a 6cm or greater brim. Staff can choose to wear a school supplied School Council approved school uniform hat available from the uniform store if they wish.
- e) Appropriate School Council approved school uniform hats for students will be readily available for purchase through Lowes available at Woodgrove Shopping Centre Melton.
- f) Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- g) Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+).
- h) School Council also approves students wearing close fitting UV protection wrap around AS1067 sunglasses whenever they are outside.
- i) Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days will be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- j) 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.
- k) The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.
- l) Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- m) Our school will seek accreditation as a Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.
- n) Hot Day timetable to be implemented (subject to extreme weather)

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

- 4.1 This policy was ratified by the Melton West Primary School Council on Monday 9th of December, 2013.
- 4.2 This policy will be reviewed as part of our school's regular three-year review cycle.

5. DEFINITIONS

- a) UV – Ultra Violet Rays
- b) SPF – Sun Protection Factor