

## **SUN PROTECTION POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

This Sun Protection Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending Child Side School are protected from over-exposure to the harmful UV radiation from the sun. It documents our comprehensive sun protection practices. These practices will be applied to all school activities including sports activities, excursions and school events ('Little Day Out' – School Open Day). The policy is to be implemented throughout the year.

### **OBJECTIVES**

**The goals of the Sun Protection Policy are to:**

- Increase student and community awareness of skin cancer and the need for sun protection.
- Assist students to develop strategies that encourage responsible decision making about skin protection.
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students and staff.
- Encourage students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hats and sunscreen during high risk times such as lunch times, sports, excursions and other school events.
- Ensure that parents are informed of the school's Sun Protection policy.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Child Side School implements a 'NO HAT NO PLAY' policy in terms 1 and 4. If children do not have a hat to wear, they are required to remain inside or on a shady veranda rather than playing outside.
- Children will be informed and made aware of the need to protect themselves from the effects of the sun through regular discussion and as part of the regular routine of preparing themselves for outdoor play "Put on your hats and apply your sun cream" – part of the day to day Living Health Curriculum.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas in the outdoor learning environment.
- Staff will provide suitable models – wearing hat, sunscreen, using shaded areas etc
- The routines will alter from winter to summer to reflect the changing risks associated with the seasons.
- Parents are asked to be responsible for the provision of hats and protective clothing for the children to wear outdoors and for placing sun cream on their children first thing in the morning.
- Sun cream is included on the list of items parents need to supply to the school at the beginning of each school year.
- Sun Cream is placed on verandas of all buildings for easy access to children, staff and parents.

- Children will be encouraged to wear protective hats (broad brimmed) and protective clothing (shoulders covered – no singlet tops) outside.
- Staff are required and adults on site will be encouraged to wear protective hats and clothing outside.
- The Sun Protection Policy is available to parents on the school website.
- Sun Protection reminders are placed on the communication whiteboard at key times in the year (beginning of term four and term one).
- The Sun Protection Policy is reviewed and ratified by the GC biannually.
- Implementation of the Sun Protection Policy is discussed and reviewed at Staff Dialogue especially at key times in the year. Notes about sun protection may be placed in the school newsletter to remind parents if staff think that reminders are required.

VERSION	DATE REVIEWED	DATE RATIFIED	CHANGES MADE	AUTHOR OF CHANGES
2	Oct 2011	26/10/11	Reviewed no changes made	KM
3	Aug 2013	18/9/13	Rationale and objectives added	KM
3	March 2016	30/3/2016	Dot point about staff and adults wearing hats added	LF & KM