

SUNSMART Policy



CAMBERWELL SOUTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. Rationale

Too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer. Australia has the highest rate in the world.

2. Purpose

- To provide SunSmart strategies for all students, parents and staff attending Camberwell South Primary School, that will maintain a healthy UV exposure balance including protecting them from sun damage caused by harmful UV rays.
- Encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times.
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school's SunSmart policy via the school website.

3. Implementation

- Children will be required to wear school approved hats in Term 1 and Term 4 whenever they are outside.
- Clothing that covers as much skin as possible is provided as part of the school uniform/dress code. Singlet and midriff tops are not acceptable.
- Staff will act as role models by wearing hats when outside during terms 1 and 4.
- Children will be actively encouraged to bring and to apply broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen. (SPF30+). Provision of sunscreen will remain the responsibility of parent but coloured zinc styles creams etc., will not generally be permitted.
- The wearing of sunglasses in the playground is acceptable.
- The SunSmart Policy will be reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursions, sporting events) between September and April.
- Shade provision will continue to be a consideration in all future buildings and grounds development.
- SunSmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education Program at all levels of the school.
- To minimise risk of exposure students without protective clothing (hats) will play in areas of total shade
- The Principal may designate a 'Hot Day Timetable' if temperatures warrant.
- Monitor effectiveness of this policy by reviewing the SunSmart behaviour of the school community and make recommendations for improvement if required.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision if required.

Relevant Documents / Links

- DET Policy Guide Sun and UV Protection :
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/sun.aspx>
- Building Quality Standards Handbook (BQSH): Section 8.5.5 Shade Areas
- DET Dress Code : Health and Safety considerations :
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/considerations.aspx>
- Safe Work Australia: Guidance Note for the Protection of Workers from the Ultraviolet Radiation in Sunlight
<http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/forms-and-publications/forms-and-publications/sun-protection-for-construction-and-other-outdoor-workers>
- Reference: The SunSmart policy provided by the Cancer Council Victoria :
<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-primary-schools>

4. Evaluation

A committee of staff and the Education Subcommittee will review the Sunsmart Policy on a cyclical basis according to the School Council Policy Review Schedule. The review will ensure that the school's programs and procedures are adequately reflecting Statewide curriculum developments and the changing needs of the Camberwell South community.

Ratified by:	Date	
Education Committee	17/6/15	
Staff	5/6/15	
School Council	24/6/15	Name: Will Collie Signature: 