



Elizabeth South Primary School Policy

Sun Safe Policy

Please note this policy is mandatory and staff, students and parents are required to adhere to the content

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AIMS

The aims of the Elizabeth South Primary School Sun Safe Policy are to promote among children, their families and staff:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection
- Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer
- Personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection

IMPLEMENTATION

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all members of our primary school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful rays of the sun.

It is an expectation that all staff, students and parents of Elizabeth South Primary School will use the following skin protection strategies.

1. Sun Smart Hats will be worn in Terms 1-4 and all staff and students will take particular care if in direct sun between the hours of 10am and 3pm if the ultraviolet (UV) radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above.
2. Use the shade of trees, pergolas and tents whenever outdoors where possible.
 - 2.2 Whenever possible, all outdoor activity sessions will be held in shaded areas
3. Wear appropriate clothing that protects the skin

Students will be expected to wear a school hat with a deep crown and a brim width of 6cms whenever they are involved in outside activities. Children not wearing the appropriate hat will be expected to sit in the shaded area near the Garden shed or the Sand Pit at recess and lunch times.

4. Parents will be encouraged to apply a 30+ sunscreen on their children, before they come to school. Sunscreen will be available in the classroom for children to apply when/if required.
5. Reinforcing the Sun Smart message in all school activities and in general school procedures in an important strategy in the adoption of the skin protection behaviours.
 - 5.1 Staff will be encouraged to routinely role model appropriate Sun Smart strategies in all school activities

Information about the school's Sun Smart Policy will be given to all staff, students and their families and will be available on the school's website.

The Elizabeth South Primary Sun Smart policy will be reviewed bi-annually with Staff, Students and Governing Council.

Policy objective	Implementation strategies
<p>1. Sun Smart Hats will be worn in Terms 1 - Term 4 and all staff and students will take particular care if in direct sun between the hours of 10am and 3pm if the ultraviolet (UV) radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor activities should be held in shaded areas including the gymnasium where possible • Scheduling and shade provision should be a specific consideration when planning excursions. • Roster classes in the hall for daily fitness/PE lessons in the middle of the day where possible • Offer indoor activities for students at 2nd break
<p>2. Use the shade of trees, pergolas, shade sails and portable gazebos whenever outdoors, where possible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the temperature is 36 or more at 11am as per the Bureau of Meteorology Website children will spend break time in the classroom • At certain times the gymnasium will be available for lunch time activities • Put tables under trees and sails for students use during break times
<p>3. Wear appropriate clothing that protects the skin</p> <p>5. Reinforcing the Sun Smart message in all school activities and in general school procedures in an important strategy in the adoption of the skin protection behaviours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will sell an appropriate school hat, with a deep crown and a brim of 6cms • Students not wearing the appropriate school hat will sit in the sail area at recess and lunch times • Hats will be worn for 3 terms of the school year whenever students are outdoors • This policy will be more relaxed during the winter months of May-August • Families will be advised on enrolment of the requirement to dress students in appropriate sun protective clothing • Students and staff will be encouraged to wear shirts with collars • Staff and parent volunteers will be expected to role model appropriate hat wearing • Staff will be expected to role model appropriate protective clothing when outdoors • Parents will be encouraged to wear sun protective clothing styles when involved in school activities
<p>4. Parents will be encouraged to apply a 30+ sunscreen on their children, before they come to school. Sunscreen will be available in the classroom for children to apply when/if required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/Carers will be encouraged to apply sunscreen to children before arrive at school • Sunscreen will be available in all classrooms throughout the year