



***Our Vision - At Rye Primary School we are committed to providing all children with a comprehensive, engaging and contemporary education that enables them to become lifelong learners and productive global citizens.***

## **SUNSMART POLICY**

Our **SunSmart** policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful rays of the sun. The policy is implemented during Term 1 and Term 4 of each school year.

As part of general **SunSmart** strategies, *our school will:*

### **Behaviour**

- Require children to wear *broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats* whenever they are outside (eg. recess, lunch, sport, excursions).
- Work with the parent community to provide SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student use.
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch break.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Request staff and encourage parents to act as role models by practising **SunSmart** behaviours.

### **Curriculum**

- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum in all grade levels.
- Regularly reinforce and promote **SunSmart** behaviour to the whole school community through avenues such as; newsletter, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on student enrolment.
- Ensure the **SunSmart** policy is reflected in planning all outdoor events (eg. Camps, excursions, sporting events).

### **Environment**

- Provide sun protective clothing items as part of our school uniform.
- Schedule outdoor activities before 11am and after 3pm during daylight saving (10am and 2pm other times) whenever possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- Schedule outdoor assemblies early in the day or in an area where all students are shaded.
- Work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.

### **Evaluation**

- School Council will review the effectiveness of this policy regularly.

*They will:*

1. Review the **SunSmart** behaviour of students, staff, parents, and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
2. Access shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
- 3.
4. Update and promote curriculum material relevant to **SunSmart** activities.

***Our Mission – To provide excellent teaching and best educational practice that nurtures and supports the social and educational development of all students.***