



Sun Smart Policy

Our SunSmart Policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending Moorine Rock Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UVR from the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis during the months of September through to May. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the School Council, P & C and school Staff.

Behaviour

- The school will require students to wear broad-brimmed hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff must also wear a broad brimmed hat when outside.
- Ensure that children without a broad-brimmed or legionnaire hat are directed to play in an area that is protected from the sun.
- Encourage positive role modelling of sun protective behaviour by all school staff, parents and guests visiting the school.
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen prior to the lunch break or any outdoor activity especially Term 1 & 4.
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play.
- Students will be encouraged to wear clothing that is sun protective, e.g. shirts with collars and longer sleeves, rash vests for swimming etc.

Curriculum

- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all year levels through the health/physical education learning area.
- Promote sun protection throughout the year via the school newsletter and whole school activities.
- Staff and parents will be provided with educational material on sun protection when available.

Environment

- Timetable as many outdoor activities as possible, including sport and physical education before 11.00 AM and after 2.00 PM. When this is not possible activities should be scheduled as far away from 12 noon as is possible.
- Teachers will use their discretion as to whether sport is scheduled for morning or afternoon.
- Ensure that adequate shade for all children and staff is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.

Evaluation

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