

This policy applies to all school events on and off-site and includes all members of the school community including students, staff, governing council, administration and volunteers of Seaview Downs Primary School.

Seaview Downs Primary School ('SDPS') recognises the designation of a "SunSmart School" as endorsement of best practice in sun protection. This policy has been developed under the SunSmart Primary School Policy Guidelines as developed by Cancer Council SA and The DECD Inclement Weather & Sun Protection Procedure.

SDPS has a duty of care to students, staff and volunteers to provide a safe school environment wherever reasonably practical. By taking on the responsibilities below SDPS will demonstrate SunSmart behaviours befitting a SunSmart School.

All of the following policy responsibilities should be observed **during terms 1, 3 and 4** and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above outside these terms.

### **Responsibility of Parents:**

- Provide children with school uniform that offers some protection from the sun such as closely woven fabric, shirts with collars, elbow length sleeves, longer dresses and shorts. Sunglasses that meet AS/NZS 1067:2003 standards are optional but strongly encouraged.
- Provide school uniform coloured hats that protect the face neck and ears i.e. broad brim (slouch or bucket) or legionnaire style in the school colours. Baseball hats are not acceptable.
- Apply SPF 50+ sunscreen to their children or encourage older children to self-apply sunscreen each morning prior to school. This is optional for children with naturally very dark skin.
- Provide children with SPF 50+ sunscreen for reapplication during the day at school.
- Encourage children to be SunSmart but continue to enjoy the outdoors. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and muscles and for general health.

### **Responsibility of Students:**

- Adhere to the "No Hat, No Play" policy during recess, lunchtimes and for all outdoor lessons and excursions. Students without appropriate hats sit in designated shaded areas or in an inside space.
- Observe a routine of applying sunscreen, washing hands, eating, playing to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours, and approximately 20 minutes prior to going outdoors.
- Use available areas of shade when outside.
- Be SunSmart but enjoy the outdoors.

### **Responsibility of Educators:**

- Role model SunSmart behaviours and adhere to this policy through the wearing of hats, sunscreen and protective clothing and sunglasses.

- Consider their own Work Health and Safety and control risks through SunSmart behaviours.
- Encourage and remind students to reapply sunscreen at appropriate times.
- Ensure students are adhering to the “No Hat, No Play” policy during recess, lunchtimes and for all outdoor lessons and excursions.
- Incorporate programs on sun protection, skin cancer prevention and vitamin D in the curriculum for all year levels.
- Limit outdoor activities and duration of outdoor activities when UV radiation is at its peak period (November to Mid-March).
- Schedule outdoor activities such as Physical Education and gardening for early in the day before UV radiation peaks.
- Consider SunSmart measures when planning outdoor events such as excursions, sporting activities and gardening. Ensure SunSmart obligations are communicated on all excursion notices.

#### **Responsibility of Volunteers:**

- Role model SunSmart behaviours and adhere to this policy through the wearing of hats, sunscreen and protective clothing and sunglasses.
- Consider their own Work Health and Safety and control risks through SunSmart behaviours.

#### **Responsibility of Governing Council and School Administration:**

- Communicate this policy to new enrolments and regularly to the School Community through newsletters, website, parents meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, skoolbag and other communication channels.
- Ensure there is sufficient shade provided throughout the school grounds. Consider shade needs when any new facilities are approved.
- Ensure school uniform stock lines comply with this policy.
- Schedule sports day and other full day outdoor events during Term 2 where practical.
- Review this SunSmart policy every three years and when considering changes to facilities, uniform and WHS practices.
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- Consider their own Work Health and Safety and control risks through SunSmart behaviours.

As a school community Seaview Downs Primary School are committed to protecting staff, students and volunteers from the risks of UV radiation and we embrace SunSmart behaviours at our school.