

St Joseph's Primary School, Laurieton

POLICY: Sunsmart Policy

Reference Code: 004_05

“Our vision is to prepare children for the future in an atmosphere that nurtures faith, trust, and the unique value of the individual in the way that a good family might.”

Rationale: Exposure to sunlight during childhood and adolescence is one of the greatest risk factors for the development of skin cancer in later life. The school community has a significant role to play in the prevention of skin cancer.
Taking steps to minimise exposure to UVR is a requirement under Occupational Health and Safety legislation.

Aims:

2.1 to ensure that all students and staff at St Joseph's are protected throughout the year from the sun's harmful UVR (Ultra Violet Radiation).

Implementation:

- 3.1 The school community will work towards developing a sunsmart culture and behaviours in which sun protection is routine and built into all aspects of school life.
- 3.2 All children are required to purchase a school hat as part of their school uniform.
- 3.3 The school will enforce the policy of “no hat, play in the assembly area”.
- 3.4 Staff, parents and visitors will be encouraged to be role models for sun-protective behaviours (eg wear a hat on playground duty or sports supervision).
- 3.5 Students will be encouraged to use the shade available.
- 3.6 The school will provide and encourage students and staff to wear SPF 30+ Sunscreen.
- 3.7 The school will create opportunities to include sun protection education across Key Learning Areas (especially in Terms 1 and 4).

Budget: \$140 (for sunscreen)

Evaluation: Annually

This policy was reviewed in March 2005.