



YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sunsmart Policy

AIMS

- To educate students as to suitable sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

RATIONALE

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) from the beginning of term 1 and term 4.
- During swimming sessions students are requested to wear a rashy or T Shirt
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) that is recommended by the Cancer Council. Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom, and on excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers.
- Students with allergies to sunscreen will need to provide their own sunscreen.
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- One hat will be provided free of charge to all families each year additional hats will need to be purchased.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Yea Primary School is an accreditation Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.
- On Free Dress Days students are to dress in accordance with the Sunsmart policy

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Date Ratified at School Council 29th July

Principal signature _____

S.C. President signature _____ Next Review Date _____