SunSmart Policy

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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 be protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.
- Strategies to develop the awareness of SunSmart procedures will be an integral part of the school Health and Safety Education program.

Aims
- To encourage the school community to be aware of the harmful rays of the sun and to take action to avoid skin damage.
- To educate students as to suitable SunSmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:
- This policy is to be read as part of the Student Dress Code Policy.
- Children will be required to wear School Council approved broad brimmed hats during term 1 (January to April) and term 4 (September to December) whenever they are outside. These dates can be adjusted at the discretion of the Principal according to the dates when each term begins and ends.
- Staff will act as role models by wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas (shadow lands).
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) and seek shade. (Staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen to children.)
- Children will be encouraged to wear appropriate sunglasses that are a close fitting, wrap around style that meets the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days and when the UV level reaches 3, should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- 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.
- On free dress days this SunSmart Policy still applies in its entirety.
- Staff and parents will be encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle or earlier if circumstances deem it necessary.