



Orelia

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN SMART POLICY

Sun Protection Policy



Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer globally. Schools play a vital role in reducing UV exposure and promoting SunSmart behaviours.

Our Commitment

- Inform parents and brief staff on the policy.
- Promote SunSmart practices in school communications.
- Require hats and SPF50 or SPF50+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen for outdoor activities.
- Provide shade and encourage its use.
- Where possible, we schedule outdoor activities such as assemblies, outdoor lessons, sport and physical education to occur when the UV Index is below 3.
- When outdoor activities are scheduled at times when the UV Index is 3 or higher, maximum use is made of shade, sunscreen, hats and long clothing to protect students and staff.
- Include sun safety in curriculum.
- Review policy annually.



Our Expectations

- Parents ensure children wear hats and sunscreen.
- Students follow SunSmart rules and act as role models.
- Staff model and enforce SunSmart behaviours, including wearing SunSmart hats during all outdoor activities such as yard duty, excursions, and sports.
- Allow students to apply sunscreen 20 minutes before outdoor activities.

Clothing Requirements

- Cool, loose-fitting sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. It includes polo shirts with collars.

Hat Requirements

- Broad-brimmed hats (minimum 7.5 cm brim)
- Legionnaire-style hats with flaps covering neck and ears
- Bucket or surfer-style hats (minimum 6 cm brim)

No SunSmart Hat Policy

Cancer Council recommends that students without a SunSmart hat should remain in shaded areas during outdoor activities.

Evaluation

The school will regularly review policy's effectiveness and recommend improvements.