

Hammond Park Primary School Sun Safety Policy



Policy Statement

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Research indicates that childhood and adolescent sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer. As students are at school during times when the UV radiation levels are highest, school plays a major role in minimising student's UV exposure.¹

Procedures

Hammond Park Primary School will:

- Incorporate sun protection into the learning and development program.
- Promote good sun safe practices at all school events, and through all public communications such as newsletters, assemblies and meetings.
- Brief and educate new staff on the sun protection policy.
- Encourage staff participation in good sun safe practices. This includes wearing acceptable head protection for outdoor activities such as yard duty.
- Encourage parents and guests to wear acceptable head wear if participating in, or attending, outdoor school activities.
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed hats or bucket hats when outside.
- Direct students without adequate head protection to play in a shaded area.
- Ensure that all students wear hats, adequate clothing, and sunscreen for all camps, sports and excursions.
- Ensure that the shade from trees and shelters is adequately maintained in areas where students congregate.
- Encourage staff and students to use shaded areas where possible.
- Ensure that adequate shelter is provided for outdoor play and sporting events.
- Encourage and remind students to re-apply sunscreen (brought from home) throughout the school day.

Parents/Caregivers will:

- Ensure that their children have access to and apply a SPF30+, broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen before leaving for school.
- Provide sunscreen, in bags, for students to re-apply during the school day.
- Ensure their children wear a recommended school hat.
- Support the school's Sun Protection Policy.

Students will:

- Comply with school rules and guidelines by wearing suitable hats and clothing
- Use shaded or covered areas, where appropriate, while outdoors.
- Act as positive role models for other students by displaying acceptable SunSmart behaviours.
- Take responsibility for their health by being SunSmart.

The School Board will:

- Review the procedures of this policy each year.
- Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvements.

Curriculum Links

Pre-primary

Actions that promote health, safety and wellbeing, such as: practising appropriate personal hygiene routines (ACPPS006)

Year 1

Ways health messages are communicated on: television, posters, radio (ACPPS021)

Year 2

Strategies and behaviours that promote health and wellbeing: personal hygiene practices (ACPPS018)

Ways health messages are communicated in the media and how they can influence personal health choices, such as 'slip, slop, slap' (ACPPS021)

Actions that keep people safe and healthy in and outside the classroom, such as: being sun smart (ACPPS022)

Year 3

Actions in daily routines that promote health, safety and wellbeing (ACPPS036)

Choices and behaviours conveyed in health information and messages (ACPPS039)

Year 4

Ways in which health information and messages can influence health decisions and behaviours (ACPPS039)

Year 5

Strategies that promote a safe, healthy lifestyle, such as: practising sun safety (ACPPS054)

Preventive health measures that promote and maintain an individual's health, safety and wellbeing, such as: sun safety (ACPPS058)

Year 6

Strategies that promote a healthy lifestyle (ACPPS054)

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Endorsed by School Board

Referenced Link

¹<http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/healthandphysicaleducation/detcms/navigation/safety-issues/?page=5&tab=Main>