

## South Padbury Primary School

### SUN PROTECTION POLICY



**SOUTH PADBURY**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Pursuit of Knowledge and Friendship

Our Sun Protection Policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending South Padbury Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UV rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis during the months September through to May. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the whole school community.

#### **Behaviour**

- The school will encourage students to wear broad-brimmed hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff are requested and encouraged to wear broad-brimmed hats when outside.
- Ensure that children without a broad-brimmed hat are directed to play in an area that is protected from the sun.
- Encourage positive role modelling of sun protective behaviour by all school staff, parents and guests visiting the school.
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school, and prior to the lunch break or any outdoor activity.
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play.
- Students will be encouraged to wear clothing that is sun protective, eg. shirts with collars and longer sleeves, rash vests for swimming etc.

#### **Curriculum**

- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all year levels.
- Promote sun protection throughout the year via the school newsletter, assemblies, daily messages, parent and staff meetings and whole school activities.
- Staff and parents will be provided with educational material on sun protection.

#### **Environment**

- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, by planting trees and building shade structures.

- Timetable as many outdoor activities as possible, including assemblies, sport and physical education before 10 am. When this is not possible activities should be scheduled as far away from 12 noon as is possible ie. not between 11:30am and 1 pm.
- Ensure that adequate shade for all children and staff is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.

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