

SUN SMART POLICY

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Rationale

Risdon Park Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment that minimises the harmful effects of UV radiation. As skin damage from UV exposure is cumulative and largely preventable, our Sun Smart Policy aims to protect students and staff by promoting sun-safe behaviours throughout the year.

Policy Statement

Risdon Park Primary School has adopted a "No Hat - No Play" approach and follows Sun Smart practices during all four school terms, recognising that harmful UV exposure can occur at any time of year.

The following requirements will be implemented when the UV rating is 3 or above. To support this, staff are encouraged to check the daily UV rating using the Bureau of Meteorology or the SunSmart app.

Sun protection practices are considered when planning events and activities outside including excursions and where outdoor activities/classes will be scheduled outside of peak UV times when possible or in the shade.

Requirements

1. Hats

- Students must wear a school broad-brimmed hat (with a brim of at least 6 cm) when the UV rating is 3 or above.
- Baseball caps or bucket hats with insufficient brim are not permitted.
- Hats must be worn during breaks, outdoor lessons, sports, and all outdoor school activities.

2. No Hat Procedures

- If a student does not have an approved hat:
 - o The student will be required to remain indoors or in a designated shaded area during outdoor activities.
 - o Indoor locations may include the library, supervised classrooms, or other approved indoor areas.
 - o Students without hats cannot participate in outdoor play or sport.

3. Sunscreen

- Students are encouraged to apply SPF 50+broach-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen before school and reapply as needed.
- Students are reminded to re-apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every 2 hours.
- SPF 50+broad-spectrum, water-resistant Sunscreen is available in classrooms and shared spaces; students may bring their own labelled sunscreen.

- Sunscreen is applied after aquatic activities.

4. Clothing

- Students will wear sun-protective clothing: collared shirts, sleeves, and longer shorts/skirts.
- Sleeveless tops are not acceptable for outdoor activities.
- Rash tops or t-shirts over bathers are recommended for outdoor swimming/water-based activities.

5. Shade

- The school will maintain and expand shaded areas in playgrounds, assembly spaces, and outdoor learning areas.
- Students are encouraged to play or sit in shaded areas where possible.

6. Staff and Visitor Role Modelling

- Staff role model SunSmart behaviours (wearing hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen, seeking shade) this is also for their own WH&S.
- Visitors are encouraged to role model wearing hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen, seeking shade when attending events at the school.
- Staff enforce the *No Hat - No Play Policy*.

7. Curriculum and Education

- Sun safety will be included in the Health and Physical Education curriculum and reinforced throughout the year.
- Student 'Environmental Chiefs' will announce the UV rating on the PA system each morning with a reminder about hats and sunscreen - *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide*.
- This policy is provided to families at enrolment or the commencement of each year.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if needed, in consultation with staff, families, and health organisations.

Policy Information

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