

LOCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNSMART POLICY



POLICY CONTEXT

The Lockwood Primary School SunSmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

POLICY STATEMENT

In line with DEECD SunSmart strategies, Lockwood P.S. will ensure students and staff practice sunsmart behaviours and are educated about the dangers of sun exposure.

IMPLEMENTATION

Lockwood Primary School will promote Sunsmart in the following ways:

Behaviour:

- ⚙ Ensure the wearing of broad brimmed hats is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.
- ⚙ Children must wear hats that protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions, Terms 1 and 4).
- ⚙ Work with the parent community to provide SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student use wherever possible.
- ⚙ Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- ⚙ Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.

Curriculum:

- ⚙ Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
- ⚙ Reinforce regularly SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through Newsletters, Parent Club Meetings, student and teacher activities.

Environment:

- ⚙ Schedule outdoor activities before 11.00 am and after 2.30 pm during Terms 1 and 4 whenever possible.
- ⚙ Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- ⚙ Work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school ground.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year policy review cycle, or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

Key References: