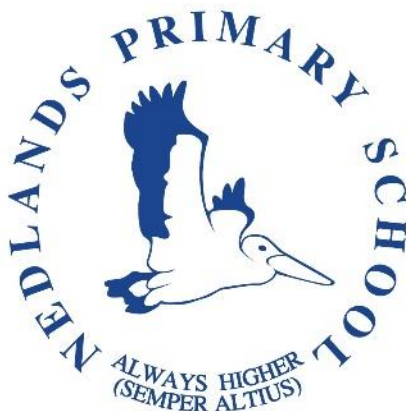




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SunSmart Policy

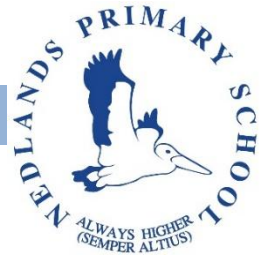
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Rationale

Our SunSmart Policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending Nedlands Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UVR from the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, when the average UV is above 3. 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.

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BEHAVIOUR

- The school will require students wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff are requested and encouraged to wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats when outside.
- Ensure that children without a broad-brimmed or legionnaire hat are directed to play in an area that is protected from the sun - the hall. No SunSmart hat, shade play.
- 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. P&C supplied sunscreen supplied to each classroom.
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play.
- Students will be encouraged to wear clothing that is sun protective, e.g. shirts with collars and sleeves, rash vests for swimming and faction t-shirts with UV rating.

CURRICULUM

- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all year levels – Kindergarten to year 6.
- 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

- Shade covers over the school pool to be annually assessed.
- Children to be encouraged to play and sit in shaded areas e.g. under trees, shade sails.
- 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 10:00 am and after 3:00 pm. When this is not possible, activities should be scheduled as far away from 12 noon as is possible or use the hall or under cover area.
- Ensure that adequate shade for all children and staff is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
- Children are to eat lunch in the shaded area of central or northern courtyards or wide verandahs and year 6s to eat under shady trees and shade sails.

EVALUATION

The Nedlands Primary School Staff will review the effectiveness of this policy each year.

They will:

1. Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents, and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
2. Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
3. Update and promote curriculum material relevant to SunSmart activities.

