



Topic: SUN SMART POLICY

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Policy Area: COMMUNITY

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1. RATIONALE

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world where currently two out of three Australians develop some form of skin cancer in their lifetime. Exposure to the sun's ultra violet radiation during childhood and adolescence is a major cause of skin cancer in later life. Skin cancer is preventable. Awareness programs incorporated in the school's curriculum and behaviour practices means life-long reduced risk for the children and the staff. Students value and implement practices that promote personal growth and well-being.

2. DEFINITION

- 2.1 Our Sunsmart policy has been adapted to ensure that all staff and children attending Assumption Catholic Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by harmful UV rays of the sun.
- 2.2 It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis during the months September through to May.
- 2.3 The Sun Protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all outdoor school activities.
- 2.4 The policy has been developed in consultation with the school community via the Parents and Friends Association.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to Assumption Catholic Primary School, Mandurah.

4. PRINCIPLES

A. Behaviour

- The school will require students to wear hats whenever they are outside, e.g. Physical Education, excursions, camps, sporting events and general play.
- If students do not have a hat they are required to stay undercover either outside their classroom or in the undercover assembly area, **not** under trees in the playground.
- The school uniform hat is an adequate form of sun protection.
- Hats are to be removed on entering a school building and when attending assemblies in the undercover area.
- Children's names need to be clearly marked on their hats.
- Staff are requested and encouraged to wear hats outside.
- 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 recess/lunch breaks and any outdoor activity.
- Encourage children to use available shade for some outdoor activities and play.
- During the winter months of June and July the students will not be required to wear a SunSmart hat to reduce the risk of Vitamin D deficiency. This is recommended by the Cancer Council

B. Curriculum

- Sun Protection and skin cancer awareness programs are incorporated into the Health and Physical Education learning area for all year groups.
- Promote sun protection throughout the year via assemblies, P.A. and school newsletters.
- Encourage the application of sunscreen where appropriate (bearing in mind skin sensitivity to sunscreen of some children).

5. RESOURCES

- Hats available for purchase from school uniform shop.
- Sunscreen dispensers located in classrooms.

6. EVALUATION

The policy and its implementation will be reviewed every two years in consultation with the whole school community.

7. REVIEW

Year Of Review	Reviewed by:	Amendments/ review
2007	ACPS Staff & P&F	Originated
2011	ACPS Staff	Review
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Next Review 2016		

