



Hallett Cove South Primary School

Care Respect Environment Safety Teamwork

HALLETT COVE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HALLETT COVE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Rationale

Hallett Cove South Primary School is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for students, employees and visitors.

Aims

This policy aims to support the development of a school community that models:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection
- Lifestyle practices that can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer.
- An awareness of the need for environmental changes in schools to reduce the level of exposure to the sun.

Goals

To ensure that all school community members:

- Are protected from skin damage caused by exposure UV Radiation from the sun
- Accept personal responsibility for and decision making about their own skin protection.

Implementation

The policy operates throughout the school year and is supported by the following sun protection strategies:

To minimise individual exposure to the direct sun:

- Lunch period will be limited to 50 minutes with students eating lunch in the classroom for 10 minutes before outside play of 40 minutes.
- Whenever possible, outdoor activities will be scheduled before 10am and after 2pm (11am and 3pm Daylight Saving Time), and in the shaded areas of the school, when practical.
- School assemblies will be held in the school activity hall.
- Sports Day will be held in term time when UV rays are not in the highest categories - generally Term 2 and 3.
- Reception to Year 5 Swimming Instruction will be held at an indoor venue.

To minimise harm from exposure to the direct sun:

- Students will be encouraged to provide and apply an appropriate personal sunscreen before school in the morning and 15 minutes prior to outdoor lessons or lunch in Terms 1 & 4. It will be recommended to families to provide a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a SPF of 30+, tested at home to ensure no unintended allergic reaction. Time will be provided by staff to enable children will to apply it to clean, dry skin 10 – 15 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours if outdoors for a prolonged period of time, or more frequently if swimming or perspiring.
- Students and staff are expected to wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat whenever involved in outside programme activities or play during the period 1 September – 30 April. The wearing of hats is optional for staff and students during the period 1 May – 31 August. Students are required to wear hats which comply with approved school colours and design – Broad brimmed, Legionnaire, Bucket.
- Students are expected to wear school uniform clothing that adequately covers exposed skin. e.g. sleeves, high collars. Students without hats will be required to move to a shaded area in lessons, or the top level verandas during playtime.
- Staff are expected to wear appropriate protective clothing when working outdoors.

3. To develop individual skin protection knowledge and skills and reinforce the Sun Smart message:

- Staff are encouraged and supported to model Sun Smart strategies in all relevant school activities.
- Skin cancer prevention will be included in all year level Health Curriculum expectations.

4. To develop school facilities to support Sun Safe behaviour:

- Tree planting and care to ensure adequate available shade
- Maintenance of outdoor shade structures

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