

## Pakenham Hills PS SunSmart Policy

### RATIONALE:

Our SunSmart policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

### AIMS:

- To educate students as to suitable SunSmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

### IMPLEMENTATION:

- The policy is to be implemented throughout the year but with a particular emphasis in Term 1 and Term 4.
- This policy is to be read in conjunction with the school's Uniform Policy.
- Children will be required to wear SunSmart navy broad brimmed (at least 8 cm rigid brim) or legionnaire hats during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- School uniform SunSmart hats will be available for purchase from Beleza. Parents will be responsible for purchasing hats which are compliant with the school's Dress Code.
- Staff and parents involved in school activities will act as role models by also wearing SunSmart hats when outside.
- Children without SunSmart hats will be restricted to play in shaded or under cover areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to apply a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) before coming to school.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- Where practicable, School Council will work towards providing/maintaining adequate shade structures for use by students; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to encourage and reinforce the SunSmart policy.
- SunSmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

## EVALUATION

Pakenham Hills Primary School is committed to ensuring this policy is publicised and implemented, and will monitor and review its effectiveness.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's multi-year review cycle.

**This policy was ratified by School Council in 2016**

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**Principal**

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