



# DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SUNSMART POLICY

## **Purpose**

This 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 throughout the year but with particular emphasis sun protection measures from September to April.

## **Implementation**

Hats, clothing, sunglasses and other forms of natural protection will be encouraged as a first measure for protection.

Children must wear wide brim or legionnaire hats that protect the face, neck and ears when they are outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions) between September and April.

Students will be encouraged to apply sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch break.

Students will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.

Staff and parents will be encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.

The school will include programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all grade levels.

The school will regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.

The school will ensure the SunSmart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursion, sporting events).

Where possible, outdoor activities will be scheduled before 11 a.m. and after 3 p.m. during term 1 and 4.

Activities should be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.

The school will work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school ground.

Students who do not have a hat are required to play under the shade sail where assembly is held.

The school provides advice on where to buy suitable hats for students to purchase.

## **Statement 2013**

The school has recently purchased four new portable shade structures for use during sports days and other outdoor events. Shade trees will be planted this year to replace trees removed for building works.

## **References**

This document is written in conjunction with the following references:

Sunsmart website - <http://www.sunsmart.com.au>

“SunSmart School - Policy Guidelines” - Cancer Council of Australia.

Education Department Website -

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/governance/Pages/outdooractivities.aspx>

Drouin South Primary School Student Dress Code Policy