

C.P.S SUNSMART

POLICY

Rationale:

At Carnegie Primary School it is considered a priority that all students and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the sun.

Aim:

- To develop children's awareness of the danger of over exposure to the sun's rays
- To promote sun safe practices amongst the CPS community
- To provide an environment that ensures sun safety

Implementation:

- All staff will monitor sun safe behaviour regularly, reminding students to wear hats, apply sunscreen and use shade areas for play.
- Teachers will enforce *no SunSmart hats, no play* during terms 1 & 4.
- Navy blue, school uniform hats will be available ie broad brimmed and legionnaires styles only.
- General guidelines for the SunSmart policy will be followed. The Health and PE curriculum will incorporate units on skin cancer prevention.
- The newsletter will feature regular articles about sun safety.
- Progressive addition of shade areas will continue eg covering play areas and tree planting.
- On days of extreme heat a 'hot day' timetable will be invoked. This will mean that students will be permitted a break to go to the toilet and fill drink containers/have a drink. Students will then return to classrooms for passive recreational activities for the duration of the break
- SunSmart behaviours will be stressed as part of Fitness and PE programs, including timetabling of events to reflect the SunSmart policy.
- Parents will be encouraged to provide students with sunscreen and train them to apply it. Teachers will remind children regularly to apply sunscreen, particularly prior to recess and lunch breaks.

Evaluation:

- The Health/PE coordinator will review the effectiveness of this policy each year.
- Review SunSmart behaviours of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for implementation.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increase in shade provision.
- Update and promote curriculum materials relevant to SunSmart activities.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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References: Exec Memo No 99/039,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria ph: 9635 5148

Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/4-5.pdf>