**DONBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY**

**SunSmart**

**CONTEXT**
Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun causes skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure during childhood contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer. This policy has been developed to ensure the protection of Donburn students during the months of the year when UV levels are highest.

**AIM**
The purpose of this policy is to establish effective procedures to protect Donburn students from the effects of the sun primarily through the use of appropriate hats and clothing:

- Increase student and community awareness about skin cancer and sun protection.
- To encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures especially during terms 1 and 4 of the school year.
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Ensure that all families are informed of the school's SunSmart policy.

**POLICY**
This Donburn Primary School Policy applies to all Donburn staff and students.

**GUIDELINES**

1. Students will be required to wear school-approved sun protective hats between in term 1 and term 4 of the school year, whenever they are outside. School-approved protective hats include primarily the regulation wide-brimmed Donburn school hat. Baseball style caps do not provide adequate protection against the sun and must not be worn in place of the school hat.

2. Sun protective clothing is included as part of the school uniform/dress code. Tops without sleeves (e.g. singlet style tops) do not provide adequate protection from the sun and must not be worn as the sole outer garment, including on “free dress” days.

3. Staff will act as role models by also wearing hats and appropriate clothing when outside.

4. Children without hats will be required to play in a designated shade area.

5. Children will be actively encouraged to bring and to apply a broad-spectrum, non-aerosol sunscreen (SPF30+). Provision of sunscreen is the responsibility of parents.

6. The wearing of sunglasses by students in the playground is acceptable.
7. The SunSmart policy will be reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursions and sporting events) in first and fourth terms.

8. Shade provision will be a consideration in all future buildings and grounds development.

**Breach of Policy**

Students not wearing appropriate sun protective clothing and approved hats during terms 1 and 4 will be required to play in shaded-areas only outside during lunchtime and other class breaks and may not be able to participate in outdoor activities during class time.

**Other Considerations & Related Donburn Policies**

Uniform Policy.

**References**

Examples:

**Definitions**

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