SUN PROTECTION

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Schools have a responsibility to ensure ‘Sun Protection’ procedures and facilities are in place for students when engaged in outdoor education, excursions and activities. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own skin protection by wearing an appropriate school hat, school uniform and to apply sunscreen. Our Governing Council supports the Sun Protection policy and procedures at Fisk Street Primary School and they endorse the following practices:

In class:

• Teaching about the harmful effects of over exposure to the sun
• Teaching about Sun Protection procedures.
• Encouraging students to use sunscreen plus Sunsmart hats and appropriate school uniform
• Displaying appropriate signs / posters in the classroom to remind the school community to be safe in the sun.
• Conducting outdoor lessons at a time / place which reduce sun exposure. Generally before 11am when the temperature is 35°C and over for outdoor activities or the Gymnasium at other times.
• Following the hot weather routine. If temperature is 38°C or over (Whyalla Airport Weather 8645 0448) students are supervised in class at recess & lunch.

In the yard:

• Teachers and students modelling good practice by wearing Sunscreen, Sunsmart hats and appropriate clothing
• Supporting the wearing of hats by sitting in the designated shade area when no hat is on

Students are expected to:

• Actively participate in lessons about Sun protection.
• Wear a Sunsmart hat and appropriate clothing and sunscreen during outdoor activities.
• Sit in the designated shade area when they don’t have a hat

Parents are expected to:

• Provide their children with a hat and clothing which is commensurate with the Sun Protection Policy
As a school we will:

- Ensure Sun Protection lessons are part of the classroom program
- Provide designated constructed shaded areas or indoor areas on high risk sun exposure days.
- Support families to access Sunsmart hats and sunscreen through Social Justice Budgets and newsletter promotion, as well as permitting students to borrow an office hat, supply permitting, on the odd occasion when they forget their hat.
- Regularly promote Sun-Safe practices in newsletters, at assemblies and in classrooms.
- Consider the issue of Sun protection when planning excursions.
- Induct new students and their families into our Sun Protection Policy

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