



THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all children attend our school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. As part of general skin-protection strategies:
 - 1.1 Children will wear hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside eg. sports, sports carnivals, outdoor excursions and activities (applies across all terms).
 - 1.2 Children will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor play activities.
 - 1.3 Class outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade whenever possible
 - 1.4 Teachers will schedule outdoor activities before 10.00am (11.00am daylight saving time) whenever possible unless using covered areas.
 - 1.5 Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviour:
 - * Wearing protective hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities
 - * Seeking shade wherever possible
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2. Our School will:
 - 2.1 Promote hats and clothing which satisfy Cancer Council guidelines as part of its uniform. No hat, no play policy in the sun implemented.
 - 2.2 Encourage children to seek whatever shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events when possible eg. between games
 - 2.3 Provide more shelters and shade trees. Continue to upgrade and maintain shelters and plant more trees.
 - 2.4 Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention in its curriculum.
 - 2.5 Reinforce regularly the SunSmart Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
3. When enrolling a child, parents will be:
 - 3.1 Informed of the SunSmart Policy.
 - 3.2 Requested to purchase a school hat.
 - 3.3 Encouraged to model skin-protection behaviour themselves.
- 4 The sun protection plan will be reviewed along with other school policies. The school's sun protection statement / action plan will be re-submitted to the Cancer Council every 3 years.