

Glenferrie Primary School SunSmart Policy



Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun, including whilst at school.

Aims:

- To educate students as to suitable SunSmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.
- To assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- To ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school's SunSmart Policy.

Implementation: (This Policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.)

Hats

- Each student is required to own a broad brimmed hat (at least 8 cm rigid brim). Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats (as part of the school uniform) from the 1st September to the 1st May, whenever they are outside in areas of the school that are exposed to direct sunlight.
- Students without a broad brimmed hat will be encouraged to play in shaded areas.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing a broad brimmed hat when outside.
- School uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

Sunscreen

- Staff and students are actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+).
- Students and families are encouraged to supply their own sunscreen with a valid use by date.
- Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children before school.
- Sunscreen is to be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions.
- Time will be allocated in class for students to apply sunscreen before recess and lunch.

Sunglasses

- Staff and students are actively encouraged to wear approved SunSmart sunglasses when they are outside.

Other

- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- Adequate shade structures will be provided as practicable.
- The Glenferrie Gazette, school website and assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the SunSmart Policy.
- SunSmart activities and educational programs about sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- The hot & extreme weather yard timetable will be enforced, as appropriate, to limit time spent outside on days of extreme heat and UV radiation.
- Parents will be encouraged to model SunSmart behaviours to the children.
- Our school will seek accreditation as a SunSmart school from the SunSmart Schools Program associated with the Cancer Council Victoria.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.