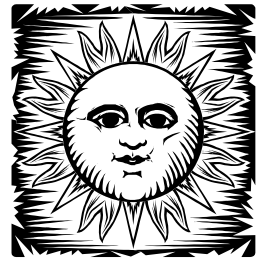




STIRLING NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN PROTECTION POLICY



Many of us are aware of the damage UVR cause. Therefore at Stirling North Primary School we aim to promote:-

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection.
- Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin damage.
- Personal responsibility for, and decision making about, skin protection.
- An awareness of the importance of environmental conditions in our school with the aim of reducing the level of exposure to the sun.

Implementation

- Stirling North Primary School will include sun protection issues in any future strategic plans and plans for environmental changes.
- Stirling North Primary School will include sun protection procedures in any induction course for new employees. DECS requires its employees to follow its UV Radiation/Sun Protection Policy procedures.
- Appropriate sun protection behaviour will be modelled by teachers to reinforce the policy.
- Parents involved in school activities will be strongly encouraged to model appropriate sun protection behaviour.

Planning the day

- Students to be encouraged to apply sunscreen regularly.
- All students to be sun protected during outdoor activities, physical education and sport classes. Those children not wearing a wide brimmed hat will be sent to a designated shade area and a note will be sent home informing parents/caregivers.
- Staff will maximise the use of indoor and shaded facilities and where possible, plan for lessons outside the high risk UV times of 11am-3pm (daylight saving).
- Exposure of skin to the sun between 10.00am and 2.00pm (or 11.00am and 3.00pm during daylight saving) will cause mild sunburn within 12 minutes - it should be noted that certain skin types may burn faster than this.
- Wide brimmed hats, suitable clothing and sunscreen are required for all camps and excursions. These items should be listed on the parent's permission form.
- Students are required to participate in activities out of the sun if they are not appropriately protected.
- Consideration is to be given to students eating their lunches indoors if there is inadequate shade in the yard.
- On days of extreme weather conditions Stirling North Primary School adverse weather policy will be applied at the discretion of the management.

Personal Protection

- All students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat whenever outside, on every school day throughout the year.
- A 'no hat, no play' policy operates in the school during play times. Any student not wearing a wide brimmed or bucket hat will be sent by the yard duty teacher to a designated shade area and a note will be sent home.
- We encourage students to wear sunscreen and sunglasses when they are at most risk.
- Stirling North Primary School recommends the wearing of clothing made of close-weave material with longer sleeves and collars. Tank tops, singlets, etc are not permitted to be worn at school, due to the amount of skin exposed to UVR.

Personal responsibility for, and decision making about, skin protection.

- This will be supported as students' knowledge and understanding of sun protection increases through curriculum studies and also through constant practising of lifestyles that help to reduce the incidence of skin damage.

Environment

- Assessments of the school grounds in relation to the availability and usage of shade will be made regularly.
- The facilities/grounds committee will develop long term shade strategies for the school grounds, including tree planting as determined appropriate.

Ratified by School council on

2002.