



# Stansbury Primary School

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## SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET

### SUN SMART POLICY

Stansbury Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment for our students, staff, parents and visitors

We are aware of the harmful effects the sun's rays can have on our students' skin and it is for this reason that we have developed a code of practice for sun safe behaviours.

#### **Behaviour**

- Students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat during outdoor activities all year round. During May to August skin protection is not necessary for most people as UV radiation levels generally fall below 3. On a normal school day from May to August, where children are outside for relatively short periods of time i.e. recess and lunch, when the chances of skin damage from the sun for most is low nevertheless wearing broad brimmed hats is the policy
- The wearing of wrap around sunglasses during outdoor activities is encouraged.
- All classes have a supply of SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for students who do not bring their own. Students are expected to wear sunscreen from the beginning of September to the end of April. Time is allowed for students to apply sunscreen 15 – 20 minutes prior to going outside. Students are reminded to reapply sunscreen after 2 hours when outside for extended periods of time or involved in water activities.
- During Fitness and Brain Food breaks from May to August, students may choose not to wear hats to ensure they maintain sufficient Vitamin D levels.
- Students are required to wear long sleeves and broad brimmed hats on casual days.
- Our school uniform includes a broad brimmed navy hat and long sleeve polo shirts and is available for sale at the office for a minimal cost.
- Staff model appropriate behaviours by wearing broad brimmed hats and suitable clothing when outdoors.
- Parents and visitors are encouraged to wear suitable hats when working in the school.

#### **Environment**

- Students without a hat are required to play in the shade, in designated areas.
- Outdoor activities are scheduled early in the day where possible when the sun's rays are less intense. If it is unavoidable that outdoor activities need to be run during the middle of the day, then portable shade areas are provided.
- The Asset Management Committee place a high priority on projects that provide shade in the school grounds.

#### **Curriculum**

'Keeping Safe in the sun' is an important aspect of our Health and Physical Education program. All staff reinforce the *SunSmart* message constantly.