



STANSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

SunSmart Policy

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1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

A balance of ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health. Too much of the sun's UV radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Sun exposure during childhood and adolescence is a critical factor in determining future skin cancer risk.

Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and muscles, and for general health. Sensible sun protection whenever UV is 3 and above does not put people at risk of vitamin D deficiency.

This SunSmart Policy has been developed to:

- Encourage the school community to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Ensure that families and new staff are informed of the SunSmart policy.

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities during terms 1,3 and 4 and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above at other times.

2. POLICY SCOPE

Role of SPS staff and teachers

- Staff are encouraged to access the 'daily sun protection times' which can be accessed via the SunSmart app, www.myuv.com.au or www.bom.gov.au/uv to find out daily local sun protection times to assist with the implementation of this policy.
- As part of WHS UV risk controls and role-modelling, when the UV is 3 and above staff will:
 - wear sun protective hats, and SunSmart clothing when outside
 - are encouraged to apply SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen
 - seek shade whenever possible.
- Encourage families and visitors to use a combination of sun protection measures (sun protective clothing and hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and shade) when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

- Ensure the school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen available for staff and student's use.
- Ensure sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes (where possible) before going outdoors and reapplied every 2 hours if outdoors.

Role of parents/carers

- Ensure students are provided with sun protective clothing that is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.
- Ensure all students wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are not considered a suitable alternative.
- Students are encouraged to provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.

Other / Additional Information

Shade

- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all other outdoor activities.
- In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
- Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play under the Solar Shelter.
- Where possible outdoor activities are scheduled outside of the peak UV times of the day, or are conducted in the shade.

Curriculum

- Programs on skin cancer prevention and vitamin D are included in the curriculum for all year levels.
- SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school homepage, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on student enrolment.

3. POLICY REVIEW TIMEFRAME

This policy will be reviewed and updated every three (3) years or as deemed necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.