



# **BEELIAR PRIMARY SCHOOL SUN SMART POLICY**



# Beeliar Primary School: A Sun Smart School Policy

## Goals of the Policy

1. To increase staff, parent and student awareness of “Sun Smart” behaviours and the risks associated with sun damage and UV rates.
2. For the Beeliar Primary School community to consistently and automatically practice responsible and sun-safe behaviours.
3. To develop a safe school environment that provides adequate shade for staff and students.
4. Communicate the school’s sun smart policy with parent, students and staff regularly and effectively.

## Curriculum

- To regularly incorporate the **sun protection message** into learning programs in Health, Physical Education and across the curriculum.
- To **explicitly teach** sun smart habits every year in all classes in the school including how to apply sunscreen. Middle, upper years to be taught about UV rays and UV index. Junior years Sun smart steps - slip, slop, slap, seek, slide.

## Personal Protection

- **Broad brimmed hats must be worn by students *and* staff in all outdoor activities. Children without a hat must go to a shaded area to play. They will not participate in outdoor activities without a hat.**
- A broad brimmed hat will be maintained as an essential part of the school uniform.
- The school shirts (faction and regular) will maintain a collar and the school will update sporting uniforms to reflect this standard

- Sunscreen will be offered to all students prior to
  - a) PE and year level sport
  - b) Outdoor excursions and camps
  - c) Swimming lessons
- Students will be regularly encouraged to apply sunscreen before arriving at school and to take responsibility for their own sun safety.
- Posters outside Health room, front office promoting Sun Smart behaviour. School community also informed by Connect messages and assemblies.

### **School Organisation**

- Shaded areas will be utilised where possible during outdoor and sporting activities during peak times and periods throughout the year.
- Sun Protection to be a focus during the swimming weeks each year.
- Sun Safety is focus for all camps and excursions and to be included for staff as part of the planning
- School Administration to consider forward planning to increase the number of shaded areas in the playground in both ECEC and the main school.
- Budget for sunscreen

### **Health and Safety**

- Consideration should be given to all staff members on duty on days when UV reaches 3 or above. SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water resistant sun cream to be available next to duty roster files.
- Staff should exercise discretion and prevent students from engaging in risky behaviour.
  - a) Sporting activities should be conducted at all times with consideration of UV exposure. Teachers should exercise particular judgement when planning for outside activities when the UV index is above 3.

### **Review and Evaluation**

- Spot check regularly with regard to sun safety, during recess, lunch and sporting lessons and events.
- Seek feedback from the school community on the effectiveness of the policy implementation.