



MENZIES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Happy Learning

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SUNSMART SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Our SunSmart policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending Menzies Community School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UV rays from the sun. It is to be implemented throughout all months of the year as per the Sun Smart guidelines. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the staff and the School Council.

Behaviour

As a School we:

- Require students to wear broad-brimmed hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff to wear broad-brimmed hat when outside.
- Ensure that children without a broad-brimmed hat are directed to an area that is protected from the sun.
- Encourage positive role modelling of sun protective behaviour by all school staff, parents and guests visiting the school.
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school, and for all outdoor excursions/sports carnivals etc.
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play.
- Encourage students to wear clothing that is sun protective, e.g. Shirts with collars and longer sleeves, rash vests for swimming etc.

Curriculum

As a School we:

- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all year levels.
- Promote sun protection throughout the year via Facebook, Menzies Matters, assemblies, parent and staff meetings and whole school activities.
- Provide staff and parents with educational material on sun protection.
- Update and promote curriculum material relevant to Sun Smart activities.

Environment

As a School we:

- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff by having shade areas and covered areas.
- Ensure that adequate shade for all children and staff is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor - events.

Evaluation

Menzies Community School will review the effectiveness of this policy each year and make any necessary changes by:

- Reviewing the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade protection where necessary.
- Update and promote curriculum materials relevant to SunSmart activities.

Review: 2024

Our Vision

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In partnership with our families, Menzies Community School provides a supportive learning place to build students of culture and character who contribute to the world.