

CASTLEMAINE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUN PROTECTION POLICY – 2021-2024

RATIONALE

Too much of the sun's UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer in later life.

GUIDELINES

1. Protecting students from exposure to ultraviolet radiation during school hours is the joint responsibility of students, parents/carers and school staff.
2. Staff and parents will be positive role models by practising Sun Smart Behaviours.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Between September 1 and April 30, CNPS students and staff are expected to wear broad-brimmed hats. Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
2. Students not wearing school approved hats from September to the end of April will remain in the designated sheltered areas during recess and lunch times, outdoor sports lessons and any other outdoor activity.
3. Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniforms/staff dress code. School uniform clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and longer sleeves, longer style dresses. Families are encouraged to purchase knee-length shorts/skirts as a sun-smart measure, and we require students to wear rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.
4. From September 1 to the end of April, staff are required to wear a broad brim hat on yard duty, during all outdoor activities, excursions and sports events.
5. Students will be encouraged to apply broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen before coming to school from September 1 to the end of April.
6. Parents/carers will be encouraged to provide broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen for their child/children to apply during the school day.
7. Sunscreen will be available for students in each classroom; this is purchased by the Parents & Carers Association. Classroom teachers will remind students to apply sunscreen before going outside.
8. At outdoor school excursions and sports events, staff will carry broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen for all students to reapply during the day.
9. Parents/carers will provide written advice to inform school staff of any allergic reactions their child/ren have to sunscreen and will provide suitable sunscreen for camps and excursions.
10. Classroom teachers will be encouraged to address sun-smart information as part of the planning for Health activities in the classroom.

REFERENCES:

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

Information for staff and parents

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/safety/Pages/sun-safety.aspx>

Information for parents

EVALUATION

This policy is to be reviewed triennially as part of the School Council's review cycle.

This policy was reviewed and ratified by School Council 2021



(Principal)

(School Council President)