

SEACLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN SMART POLICY

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Seacliff Primary School is committed to providing skin protecting practices for the pupils and staff of the school. We are aware that Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world and that the best way to address this health issue is to educate children from a very young age about the risks and ways to prevent the problem. In the process of implementing our policy we envisage that this will raise the awareness of parents and caregivers in our community.

This policy addresses Sun Smart Practices under the following three areas:

- Behaviour
- Curriculum
- Environment.

Behaviour

- Seacliff Primary School has a no hat, no play policy from the beginning of September until the end of April. As well, the uniform includes polo shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves and long style shorts.
- Teachers and other staff are also expected to wear appropriate hats and clothing with sleeves.
- Sunscreen is available from the office or in classrooms.
- Sunscreen is also available on specific occasions eg sports day, beach days, sports clinics.

Curriculum

- To develop an understanding of sun safety, Sun-Safe lessons will be part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- The Anti-Cancer Foundation is invited to present information to the student body.
- At the beginning of each term reminders about wearing of hats and hot weather policy are part of presentations at assemblies.
- Outdoor activities are implemented before 10 am during Central Time or before 11 am during daylight saving whenever possible.

Environment

Seacliff Primary School provides shade for students and staff. In 1998 trees were planted and new play equipment was installed in shaded areas. In 1999 all the school's fundraising efforts were targeted towards providing more shade. During 1999 we increased the pergola area outside the school canteen, planted more trees and provided shade over the Junior Primary sandpit. In 2001 new play equipment was placed in a shady area alongside the main oval. The school continues to expand shaded areas as deemed appropriate. In 2006 the hall was completed and is used for indoor PE, assemblies, etc. In 2009-10 a new library was built above the asphalt playing area to maintain the play area but provide shade to a large portion of the asphalt.

No Hat / No Play

In accordance with the Anti-Cancer Foundation's guidelines:

- All students will wear either a broad-brimmed or legionnaires hat when outdoors from the beginning of September until 1st May. In term 2 in cold weather students may wear an approved beanie instead of their hat. Hats are optional in term 3 but students often wear beanies on cold days.
- All staff members are to model the wearing of appropriate headwear when they are out of doors from the beginning of September until May.

When students do not have a hat they will be required to sit under the courtyard veranda during play periods.

If students are regularly without a hat the teacher, principal or delegate will speak with the student or, if needed, their parent. We encourage parents/carers and siblings to wear sun-safe hats when in the school grounds.

Hot Weather Practices

During extremely hot weather children require supervision within the school buildings. The following guidelines and procedures outline when and where this will occur, and staff responsibilities. Hot weather is defined as a predicted maximum temperature of 35C or over according to the radio at 8 am.

Procedure

Recess:

All students play outside, with explicit instructions that they are to remain in the shade. Yard duty teachers monitor this.

Lunch:

The yard duty roster includes provision for indoor supervision of all students. Students may use the library by negotiation.

All children must remain indoors. None are to remain outside under verandas or the undercroft.

If students wish to access the canteen it will necessitate them using the western stairs with permission from the duty teacher.

Students may play board games, watch G videos or take part in other indoor activity. Students may bring their own games.

Sometimes a cool change occurs prior to the lunch break. Should this occur and the temperature is considerably less than 35C, the principal / deputy principal (or designated leader) will ring 2 short blasts on the siren indicating normal lunch play outside.

Wet Weather Practices

During wet weather children require supervision within the school building. The following procedures outline when and where this will occur and staff responsibilities.

The following procedures will be implemented when the teacher on duty in the eastern play area determines that the rain is persistent and rings 2 short blasts on the siren.

Procedure

Recess:

All students are to remain in their classrooms. Teachers are rostered for duty as part of the yard duty roster.

Lunch:

The yard duty roster includes provision for indoor supervision of all students. Students may use the Library by negotiation.

All children remain indoors. None are to remain outside under verandas or the undercroft.

If students wish to access the canteen it will necessitate them using the western stairs with permission from the duty teacher.