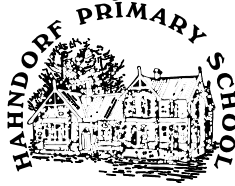


Hahndorf Primary School O.S.H.C.



SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Our expectation that children will be Sun smart is consistent with our aims to maintain a respectful, safe and happy school.

We expect that children will learn to:

1. Protect themselves from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun on **days rated as High UV between September and May:-**
 - a) Wearing hats that protect the face, neck and ears when they are outside.
 - b) Using appropriate clothing, sunscreen and sunglasses during prolonged exposure to the sun.
 - c) Being unable to participate in outdoor play.
 - d) Observing the role models of Staff and other students who are practicing skin protective behaviour themselves.
2. Sun screen is to be made available in OSHC facilities.
3. Compulsory application of sunscreen shall be in place during Vacation Care programmes & pupil free days (morning, midday, afternoon)- except in cases of notified allergic reactions to sunscreen. Sunscreen is to be taken on excursions during before mentioned periods.
4. It is recommended that sunscreen is used only on exposed skin that cannot be protected naturally. If possible, it is preferable for children & staff to wear cover-up clothing, such as loose, light-coloured closely woven cotton garments with long sleeves and collars, for all outdoor activities.
5. Discussion about skin and ways to protect it from skin cancer will be included in the children's programme, and in general day-to-day discussions.
6. Staff will ensure that sunscreen is in date.
7. When enrolling their child, parents will be informed about the sun safety policy, and asked to provide a suitable hat and SPF 30+ sun screen for their child's use. **This hat will be green in colour and will be ordered and invoiced appropriately through the Centre.**
8. Staff will be aware of the proper application of sunscreen and model the practices outlined above.

Sourced from Hahndorf Primary School Sun Smart Policy & DECS OSHC Resource Folder, 1998.

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