



PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN SMART

Our Sun Smart policy has been adapted to ensure all staff and students attending Samson P.S. are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis during the months of September, through to May. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals and excursions. The policy has been developed in consultation with the school community, and sanctioned by the School Council.

BEHAVIOUR

1. The school will require students to wear a school hat (legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket styles) whenever they are outside.
2. Staff are requested and encouraged to wear hats when outside as role models for students.
3. Students are to be encouraged to seek available shady areas for outside activities and play.
4. NO hat NO play.
5. Students without a school hat (legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket styles) will be directed to an area that is protected from the sun.
6. Students are to be encouraged to wear the school uniform that has been designed to be sun protective. (U.P.F. 40 – excellent)
7. The application of sunscreen before school (home) and prior to all lunch-break (school) during prolonged outdoor activities and sports carnivals, is to be encouraged.
8. Positive role modelling of sun protective behaviours by all school staff, and parents visiting the school is to be encouraged.

ORGANISATION

1. Provide adequate shade within the school grounds for students and staff by planting trees and erecting necessary shade structures.
2. Timetable outdoor activities, including sport and physical education, as far away from 12 noon as possible.
3. Limit the areas for children's play on days when the temperature is extreme.
4. Provide adequate shade for all students and staff at sporting carnivals and outside events.
5. Provide broad spectrum sunscreen (30+) for students during sports carnivals and other prolonged outdoor events.

CURRICULUM

1. Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programmes into the school curriculum at all year levels (K-7).
2. Provide both staff and parents with adequate educational material on sun protection.
3. Reinforce Sun Smart concepts through child produced posters that are to be displayed prominently in the school environment.

EVALUATION

The School Council will review the effectiveness of this policy at their final meeting of every school year. They will:-

- Review the Sun Smart behaviour of students, staff and parents, and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assess shade provision and usage, and make appropriate recommendations.
- Promote updated curriculum material relevant to Sun Smart Activities.