



Sun Aware Policy

Revised 2016

Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer. As students are at school during times when UV radiation levels are highest, schools play a major role in minimising student's UV exposure.

Our Sun Aware policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending West Leederville Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun. This policy is to be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis from the beginning of September through to the end of May. 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 whole school community.

Our Commitment

West Leederville Primary School will:

- Inform parents of this Sun Aware policy when they enrol their child/children.
- Promote sun protection via newsletters, assemblies and parent and staff meetings.
- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, by planting trees and building shade structures.
- Include sun protection education in the school curriculum of at least three year levels.
- Encourage role modelling of sun protective behaviour by staff, parents and guests.
- Require staff and students wear broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats when outside.
- Direct children without a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat to play in an area that is protected from the sun.
- Require staff and students to wear a rash vest or shirt for swimming (this may not be appropriate during competitive swimming).
- Review the school dress code to include sun protective items.
- Encourage staff and students to use shaded or covered areas when outside.
- Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
- Whenever possible, outdoor activities during high UV periods will be conducted in the shade.
- Encourage the use of SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen by:
 - providing sunscreen in every classroom and the sports shed.
 - allowing students time to apply sunscreen prior to outdoor activities.
- Review the Sun Aware policy annually.

Endorsed by the School Board

November, 2016