

HEATHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNSMART POLICY

The practices named within this policy are for implementation throughout the year with particular emphasis between 1st September and 30th April.

Staff at Heathfield Primary School endeavour to ensure that all students are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Therefore:

- Between 1st September and 30th April students wear ***sunsafe broadbrimmed*** hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (eg – sports lessons, sports carnivals, outdoor excursions and activities.) An exemption of wearing hats can be granted by school staff before 10.00am.
- Students who are not wearing ***school*** approved hats stay under the Warrendi and Yerthondi verandah during play periods.
- Outdoor activities are held in areas of shade whenever possible in hot weather.
- Teachers endeavour to schedule outdoor activities before 10.00am.
- Staff and parents are encouraged to act as role models by practising skin-protective behaviour themselves.

This policy is adopted by the school staff within an educational context which aims to increase awareness of skin damage caused by the sun and to promote positive attitudes towards skin protection.

The school environment will consistently encourage skin protective behaviour such as the wearing of hats, the use of SPF 30+ broad spectrum sun-screen and the use of shade whenever possible. It is the responsibility of students/ parents to apply sunscreen before school and to bring sunsafe, broadbrimmed hats daily.