

# KEW EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY MANUAL

<b>POLICY NO.</b> SEWB 7	<b>SUNSMART POLICY</b>	<b>Page 1</b>
<p><b><u>PURPOSE:</u></b> To maintain active awareness of SunSmart behaviour and minimise the harmful effects of UV rays for students and staff. We promote responsibility for one's own health, whilst assisting to prevent skin damage</p> <p><b><u>POLICY STATEMENT:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To implement 'Hats on' at all times when outside from September to April.</li> <li>• To educate the children about sun and heat protection and ways they can look after their own health and safety and to become responsible for their own 'SunSmart' behaviour.</li> <li>• To create a healthy and safe school environment for students and teachers.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff and students must wear an appropriate broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket (minimum 6cm brim, deep crown) hat outdoors from September to April. This will include excursions, physical education, sport, interschool sport and the Out of School Hours program. 'No hats, no play' for students with no hats. Students without hats must remain in the designated shaded areas..</li> <li>• Sunscreen may be supplied and applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions. Students will be reminded to apply their sunscreen before going outdoors as needed.</li> <li>• The school has sunscreen available if required.</li> <li>• Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children prior to the start of the school day from the beginning of September to the end of April. Students will be reminded to reapply their sunscreen before going outdoors.</li> <li>• Parents are to inform the school if their child is unable to wear sunscreen due to medical reasons (eg. allergies) and arrange alternative protection.</li> <li>• Sun protective clothing is included as part of the school uniform/dress code.</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.</li> <li>• Students may wear wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses – Category 2, 3 or 4)</li> <li>• Staff and parents are encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.</li> <li>• SunSmart education will be included in the curriculum, across all levels on a regular basis.</li> <li>• SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced.</li> <li>• The SunSmart policy is reflected in the planning of outdoor events where possible (eg. Camps, excursions, sporting events)</li> <li>• From the start of September to the end of April, outdoor activities will be scheduled, whenever practicable, to minimise time in direct sun especially during peak UV hours between 10am and 2pm (11am and 3pm during daylight saving).</li> <li>• Provision is made for indoor play in extreme weather.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>PARENTS' ROLE:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that the appropriate broad brimmed or legionnaire hat is provided for their children</li> <li>• To support the SunSmart policy by acting as role models for the children.</li> <li>• To inform the school in writing if their child is unable to wear the sunscreen due to medical reasons and arrange alternative protection.</li> <li>• To apply sunscreen to their children prior to the start of the school day from the start of September to the end of April.</li> <li>• To provide sunscreen for their child/children.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SunSmart School Policy Review – The Cancer Council of Victoria</li> </ul>		
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