

Kimbolton School

SUN SMART POLICY

RATIONALE:

Kimbolton School has a commitment to developing knowledge, skills and attitudes, that will help children safely enjoy the sun whether at school or at home.

PURPOSE:

1. To give children the knowledge they need to make safe judgements about being safe in the sun at all times.
2. To require teachers to teach about the protection of the skin from the sun as a part of the School Curriculum.
3. To provide adequate shade areas in the school grounds.

GUIDELINES:

1. The teaching of sun protection will be part of the Health Curriculum each year in all classes.
2. The wearing of adequate protection including sun hats, sun block, and where applicable suitable clothing in the school grounds and for outside trips or activities, will be actively encouraged both on sunny and overcast days.
3. All students and staff are to wear broad brimmed (minimum 7.5cm) when outside during terms 1 and 4. Caps are not suitable.
4. Students not wearing a hat are to play in the shade of the big tree outside the staffroom.
5. There are hats available to borrow if necessary but children are expected to look after their own.
6. Shade areas in the play grounds will be provided and will be considered in any future development of the school grounds.
7. Children will eat indoors all year. When there are school events where children must eat outside they are expected to sit in a shaded area or to be wearing their sunhats and sun screen.
8. Whenever possible consideration will be given to modifying school activities to avoid high risk times of the day (10.00am – 4.00pm).

9. Gazebos are used for all sporting events and events such as Pet Day.
10. Parents are responsible for providing sun screen for their children. The use of broad spectrum SPF 30+ is encouraged.
11. Wearing sun protective clothing is encouraged – e.g. collars and sleeves. Wearing of clothing such as backless dresses is strongly discouraged
12. Staff are expected to act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviours
13. The same expectations around sun protection stand whether at school, on school trips, at sports events or on camps
14. Staff and parents/caregivers are reminded of the sun protection policy and intended its practices in school newsletters

CONCLUSION:

The Sun Protection Policy will help to create a greater awareness by teachers, parents and children of the need to protect themselves from the known damaging effects of the sun.

This policy will be reviewed as part of our normal three year review cycle

APPROVED: _____ **DATE:** _____