

Sun Protection Policy

Our Vision

Angle Vale Primary School, with the school community, is committed to support all students to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Our Mission

Each student has the opportunity to work in a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment, engage in learning programs that include the following capabilities:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical understanding
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Intercultural understanding
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal and social capability

Our Aims

The Angle Vale Primary School's Sun Protection Policy provides a framework to ensure that:

- Students are learning and Educators are teaching.
- Staff and students work within a relational and restorative framework.
- Through explicit teaching and learning, we develop social responsibility and willingness to make amends, restore and strengthen relationships.
- Parents, students and staff work collaboratively to provide a consistent and just approach to development and management of student behaviour that takes into account the different needs of individual students.

Our Values

Confidence	Honesty	Respect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be prepared to try new things ● Know your choices ● Be prepared to seek help ● Be a positive role model ● Use power positively ● Show persistence ● Show resilience when things are down ● Have the confidence to show generosity to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tell the truth ● Have a strong work ethic ● Be honest about giving effort ● Be proud of your achievements ● Take responsibility for your own actions ● A fair go for all ● Encourage others ● Develop trust in relationships with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treat self, others and property with care and respect ● Be cooperative and include others ● Respect that school is a place of learning ● Communicate respectfully and use a person's name ● Look after school belongings but leave valuables at home ● Move around the school calmly

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with 2 out of 3 Australians developing skin cancer at some time in their life. Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun's ultra violet radiation (UVR). Much of the damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. It is estimated that 80% of these concerns are preventable by the development of safe practices and limited exposure to ultra violet rays. As children are at school during the high ultra violet risk period each day for 5 days each week, the school has the potential to significantly reduce the level of sun exposure sustained by children.

Taking appropriate precautions can significantly reduce the risk of skin cancers.

- To develop positive attitudes towards skin protection
- To educate the school community in "sun-safe" practices
- To implement an in school programme of "sun-safe" practices

IMPLEMENTATION

Education Program

As part of the School Health Program the curriculum will include material on the relationships between sun exposure and skin cancer and available methods of reducing this risk.

Outdoor Activities

Outdoor activities, such as Physical Education lessons, will whenever possible, be scheduled in the early part of the school day, or will be held in shaded areas. After school students will be encouraged to wait in shaded areas until they have been collected from school.

Hats

It is a requirement that all students will wear a hat during play and at other times as directed by the teacher. The wearing of hats is enforced for Terms 1 and 4. Students who do not have their hats with them during nominated play times will stay in an area protected from the sun, and a "no hat, no play" policy will exist. Hats must be broad-brimmed or bucket, in school colours. These will be available for sale from the front office.

Sunscreen

When students are outside for periods of longer than a lesson they will be encouraged to apply suitable UV protection SPF30+ at least 15 minutes before any outside activity. All students will be required to supply their own sunscreen for use at school.

Sunglasses

Students are allowed to wear sunglasses for outdoor activities. (Parents should check when purchasing these that they are approved by the Anti-Cancer Foundation).

Dress Code

Students are expected to wear school uniform as outlined in the Family Information Booklet. Clothing such as collarless t-shirts, tank tops and halter neck dresses are not acceptable school wear due to increased skin exposure. Footwear must be suitable for PE activities.

Hot Weather Policy

On days when the temperature is 35°C or higher at recess or lunchtime, students will remain in classrooms, the resource centre, gymnasium or computer room during lunchtime play.

Staff

School staff will act as role models by:

- Practicing sun-safe procedures
- Wearing protective hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities
- Using sun-screen protection
- Seeking shaded areas when possible.

Parents

All parents will be made aware of the policy and the reasons for its implementation. On enrolling a student, new parents will:

- Be informed of the school's sun protection policy
- Be encouraged to provide a suitable SPF 30+ sunscreen for their child's use
- Be encouraged to practice skin protection behaviour themselves.

This policy is guided by
DECD – Inclement Weather Procedure 2015