

## SUNSMART SUN PROTECTION POLICY 2023 - 2024

### Rationale

Protection from the sun is an important public health priority.

Promoting the requirement of wearing of suitable clothing, hats, and applying sunscreen are a school priority.

The school will promote the SunSmart philosophy and will put into practice all possible measures to reduce the exposure of students to the sun while at school.

### Hillarys Primary School will:

- Promote the sun protection message to the whole school community via the school website, newsletters, COMPASS, assemblies, whole school activities, parent and staff meetings.
- Provide a copy of this policy in information given to parents when they enrol new students.
- Ensure approved wide-brimmed school hats, protective clothing and sunscreen are worn by staff and students when involved in any outside activities, including swimming.
- Direct students without a hat to remain in areas that are protected from the sun.
- Adopt a 'No hat, no play' policy across all year levels.
- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds and at all sporting carnivals and other events.
- Provide sunscreen in all classes for use by staff and students.
- Encourage parents to supply sunscreen for their children to use at school.
- Deliver SunSmart curriculum to all students.
- Endeavour to limit the exposure of students in outdoor activities in times of high UV periods.
- Review the sun protection policy annually and evaluate SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade protection where necessary.
- Update and promote curriculum materials and advertising relevant to SunSmart activities, including annual membership to the SunSmart.

### Parents and carers will:

- Ensure their child/ren wear a broad-brimmed hat and protective clothing as required.
- Supply SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen and/or
- Support the school's sun protection policy guidelines.

### Students will:

- Comply with school and SunSmart rules by wearing appropriate clothing, hats and sunscreen
- Use shaded or covered areas within school where possible.
- Participate in SunSmart education programs.

**Policy review due: Semester 2, 2024**