



## **SUNSMART**

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### **Introduction**

The Somers Primary School community believes students and staff attending the School should be protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. The School develops its policy as a member of the Anti Cancer Council and as an accredited Sunsmart School.

### **Aims**

- To develop strategies to protect students and staff from harmful exposure to the sun.
- To develop curriculum programs on skin cancer prevention.
- To include Sunsmart ideas in design of playground and other outdoor areas.
- To encourage staff and parents to act as role models and practise Sunsmart behaviours.

### **Implementation**

Students are required to wear school hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> terms. For example, broad brimmed hats or legionnaire's hats.

Hats for this purpose are available for purchase through the uniform shop.

Students will be actively encouraged to wear sunglasses.

If a child does not have a wide brimmed hat, they will be asked to sit in the Principal's Office

Students will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities *and play desirable games commensurate with the weather conditions.*

Curriculum programs will incorporate Sunsmart ideas and information about skin cancer prevention.

Sunsmart behaviour will be regularly reinforced through newsletters, parent meetings, and student and teacher activities.

Sunsmart ideas will be considered in the planning of all outdoor events.

Consideration will be given to the suitability of engaging in excursions, etc when the weather is too hot.

Future planning of outdoor areas will consider Sunsmart ideas and work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees.

The Sunsmart behaviour of staff and students will be reviewed annually and recommendations made.

Sport sessions in terms 1 and 4 will be held in the first teaching session.