

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BY PRAYER AND ACTION WE FOLLOW CHRIST



Approved by School Board 26 April 2018

POLICY AREA

SUN SMART POLICY 2018

Mission

Our mission is to be an inclusive and compassionate community, where children are educated in faith, life and learning. By prayer and action, we follow Christ.

Vision

As a community of faith, Our Lady of Mt Carmel School inspires students to be lifelong, independent learners so that they may take their place as purposeful people with the courage, wisdom and will to shape and enrich our world.

Values: Respect...Compassion...Service...Love...

RATIONALE

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Because the link between the sun and skin cancer has been clearly established, our school intends to promote a positive environment in support of sun smart behaviours. Given that students are at school during peak ultraviolet radiation times throughout the day and that most skin cancers are preventable, schools play a major role in both minimising student's exposure and providing an environment where policies and procedures can positively influence student behaviour.

POLICY

Our Lady of Mount Carmel school will ensure that every reasonable effort will be made to protect students from the harmful effects of the sun while attending school activities.

GOALS:

1. Promote sun smart behaviours as normal school practice.
 - Students wear an appropriate broad-brimmed hat or legionnaire hat when out doors

- “No hat! No play!” rule for break times. During breaks students without hats go to the designated undercover areas (Yrs. 1-6 go to Josephson’s Shed; Prep go to shaded area outside Mackillop Early Years Centre).
 - All students eat lunch in shaded areas.
 - School approved sunglasses are optional in the interests of sun safety.
2. The school has maximized the availability and use of shade in the school grounds.
 - A Physical Education covered area (Josephson’s Shed) is used whenever appropriate to do so.
 - Large, portable shade covers are used, where appropriate, for sports carnivals and other outdoor events.
 3. Incorporate educational programs about sun safety into school curriculum.
 4. Continue to raise community awareness through education.
 5. Encourage all staff and parents to be good sun smart models.
 - Staff are strongly encouraged to wear hats outdoors.
 - Parents are actively encouraged to wear hats to school.
 6. Encourage and support students to be sun smart and use sunscreen.

Students are to take responsibility for their own health and safety by being sun smart.

 - Students are encouraged to come to school wearing sunscreen. The recommendation is to apply sunscreen approximately 20 minutes prior to arrival at school.
 - Students are encouraged to bring their own personal sunscreen to be stored in their own bag enabling them to re-apply as required.
 - Students are reminded to re-apply sunscreen when participating in outdoor events.
 - Sunscreen is available for outdoor activities and events.
 7. Where possible, timetable outdoor activities to maximize use of shade.
 8. Review school uniform requirements to include sun safe standards and options.

This sun smart policy is to be reviewed by the School Board as deemed necessary.

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