



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale:

Romsey Primary School is committed to ensuring that all students and staff are aware of and uphold the practices that can help to safeguard them against skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Goals:

- To promote student and community awareness of the importance of being Sunsmart.
- To ensure all students and staff have some UV exposure for vitamin D.

Guidelines:

- Students are required to wear a Sunsmart approved hat and clothing with collars and sleeves when outside, throughout terms 1 and 4. Outside these terms, students exposure to the hottest part of the day will be minimised.
- The use of 30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen is encouraged.
- Staff are expected and families and visitors are encouraged to model appropriate Sunsmart behaviour by wearing appropriate hats and clothing during yard duty sessions and when engaged in out-door activities with their classes.
- Students without hats will be restricted to well-shaded areas of the school.
- Notes will be sent home to parents of students who do not have appropriate hats to wear.
- Awareness of the need for sun protection will be reinforced through classroom programs, newsletters, and parent-teacher communications.
- If there is an excessive heat day outside activities will be conducted early in the morning and an extreme weather timetable will be implemented.
- Areas of shade will be provided for student use.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all other outdoor activities.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review.

Date Ratified by School Council: March 2015

Review Date: 2018