



PARAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

GENERAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SUN PROTECTION



PARAP PRIMARY SCHOOL IS AN ACCREDITED SUNSMART SCHOOL

This policy outlines the strategies, procedures and responsibilities for addressing ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure. Too much exposure to UV radiation causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of developing skin cancer. Parap Primary School is committed to being a SunSmart school.



POLICY OBJECTIVES:

The principal, teachers and support staff will work with students and families to:

- Increase student and community awareness about sun protection and skin cancer.
- Encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures all year round.
- Work towards a safer school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community.
- Assist students to be responsible for the own sun protection.
- Ensure that families and staff are informed of the school's Sun Protection Policy.

SUN PROTECTION PROCEDURES:

- All students and staff use a combination of sun protection measures throughout the day to ensure they are well protected. Particular care is taken between 8 am and 4 pm when UV levels reach their peak.
- The Sun Protection Policy is considered when planning all outdoor events eg. camps, excursions and sporting events. Where ever possible Parap Primary School will have outdoor activities or events earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon, or will use indoor venues where possible.

Shade

- Parap Primary School has significant areas shaded by natural or built structures. Students are encouraged to use these areas when outside.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions or outdoor activities.

Hats

- It is compulsory for students to wear a Parap Primary School bucket hat. The school has bucket hats available as a part of our uniform.

Clothing

- It is compulsory for students to wear the school uniform. A variety of uniforms are available to choose from, all of which are made of close weave fabric, collared shirts and long shorts or dress options with sleeves.

Swimming

- During all swimming events, lessons and carnivals, students will be required to wear a sun protection shirt (rashie or light T-shirt) as well as sunscreen.

Sunscreen

- SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be made available to students for excursions or outdoor events.
- Teachers will not apply sunscreen to students.
- A register of students who have allergy or sensitivity to sunscreen will be held on SAMS and communicated to teachers.
- Families are encouraged to provide sunscreen for their child's use at school.

Role Modelling

- Staff will promote, encourage and model sun protective behaviours.
- Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

Curriculum

- Sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs are incorporated into appropriate areas of the curriculum.
- Students are involved in initiatives to promote and model sun protection measures to the whole school community.
- Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school web site, assemblies and on student enrolment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parents/Carer

- Ensure their child(ren) are wearing the approved school uniform in compliance with DET/school policies.
- Ensure their child(ren) have a school bucket hat.
- Provide sun screen to their child if desired.
- Provide details of any allergy or sensitivity to sunscreen to the school.
- Support the Sun Protection policy at outdoor school events.

Principal

- Ensure staff, visitors and the community are aware of the Sun Protection Policy.
- Ensure, wherever possible, outdoor events avoid the sun, such as being held in shaded areas or indoors.
- Promote sun smart behaviours amongst staff, students and the community.

Teaching Staff

- Integrate sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs into the curriculum.
- Enforce that students wear the school hat and uniform (No hat, No play!).
- When planning outdoor events, seek shade and wear protective clothes and sunscreen.
- Role model sun protective behaviours.

Support staff

- SAMS administrator to maintain a log of students with allergy or sensitivity to sun screen.
- Make sun screen available to staff for excursions or outdoor events.

REVIEW

The staff and School Council monitor and review the effectiveness of the Sun Protection Policy every three years and revise the policy when required.

** Next review to be completed in October 2021.*