

SUN SAFE

POLICY

Rationale:

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with 160,000 new cases and 1,200 deaths recorded each year.

Aims:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection
- Personal responsibility for and decision-making about skin protection

Implementation:

BCPS undertakes to encourage and promote the SunSmart Program, in conjunction with Cancer Council NSW, all year round.

- Outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade whenever possible
- Teachers will schedule outdoor activities, where possible, outside peak UV times and consider all protection measures when planning excursions
- Students are to wear hats outside during lunch and recess time all year round
- No hat, no play – the students will be given a chance to get a hat if they have forgotten but if they don't have a hat they will have to sit in the shade by the office
- Slips to be sent home to parents letting them know their child is without a hat
- Students to be encouraged to wear sun safe clothing
- Teachers incorporate sun protection principles into the curriculum
- Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviour

Evaluation:

To be reviewed annually.

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