Macclesfield Primary School

SUN SMART POLICY

Macclesfield Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment for all students, staff, parent/caregivers and community members and this includes displaying a positive attitude towards skin protection.

The following Sun Smart Policy is aimed at ensuring all reasonable measures are taken to support this.

**School**

- Classroom programmes will reflect teaching and learning about the effects of sun exposure and the prevention of skin damage.
- Early in each term the newsletter will feature an article pertaining to the current season’s Cancer Council sun safety recommendations.
- On days of 38°C or above:
  - During the lunch break students will be supervised inside or play outside in shaded areas.
  - All outdoor activities will be scheduled for early in the day or postponed.
- On hot days students will be encouraged to cover up and keep hydrated.

**Students**

- The wearing of a red or black broad brim, bucket (with a brim of at least 6cm) or legionnaire style hat is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. These hats are a part of the school uniform and can be purchased from the front Office.
- Children to wear appropriate sun smart clothing (no exposed shoulders or midriffs) in the school colours all year round. This applies to all school activities (Sports day, excursions, camps, sporting events).
• Students may be required to wear these hats during Terms 2 and 3 if they are outside for prolonged periods of time. eg. Participating in outdoor school activities or SAPSASA events

• A “No hat, sit under the verandah” on the oval side of the main building will be enforced during Terms 1 and 4. Consequences of not following this rule could include a reminder or a sit out

• On hot, sunny days the children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas for outdoor play

• Children will be encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school, especially those children who may have an allergy to certain brands.

• Children to have sunscreen applied before coming to school

• Each classroom will have a SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen available for student use

Staff

• The staff will model effective sun protection practices

School Community

• Members of the school community will be encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and apply suitable sun protection when participating in school activities

Some useful links:

• [www.cancersa.org.au](http://www.cancersa.org.au)

The school’s Sun Smart Policy is in place all year round.

The Macclesfield Primary School Sun Smart policy will be reviewed on a 2 yearly basis in line with the Cancer Council’s Sun safe recommendations

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