

Yarra Junction Primary School

School Number: 3216



SUNSMART POLICY

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References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Compact: Roles and Responsibilities in Victorian government school education: Principle 3 (2012)• DEECD School Policy & Advisory Guide (SPAG) Sun & UV protection (2011)• DEECD Health, Safety & Workcover• Building Quality Standards Handbook (BQSH): Section 8.5.5 Shade Areas (Oct 2011)• Education and Training Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools - Government Response• Safe Work Australia: Guidance Note for the Protection of Workers from the Ultraviolet Radiation in Sunlight (2008)• AS 4685.1: 2014 Playground equipment and surfacing – General safety requirements and test methods

Procedures

- Staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times at sunsmart.com.au or on the free SunSmart app to assist with the implementation of this policy.
- A combination of sun protection measures are used for all outdoor activities from September to the end of April and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.

Healthy physical environment

1. Seek shade

- A shade audit is conducted regularly to determine the current availability and quality of shade.
- The school council makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate e.g. lunch, canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning all other outdoor activities and excursions.
- In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
- Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.

Healthy social environment

2. Slip on sun protective clothing

- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

3. Slap on a hat

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps and visors are not considered a suitable alternative.

4. Slop on sunscreen

- Students must provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. This is included on the school's booklist each year.
AND / OR
- The school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student's use.
- Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes (where possible) before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if outdoors.
- Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies).
- With parental consent, students with naturally very dark skin are not required to wear sunscreen to help with vitamin D requirements.

- DEECD Health, Safety & Workcover
- Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF)
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