

Guardian Angels Primary School

Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore Qld 4214



Policy Name: *Sunsmart*

Related Policies:

Student Welfare and Management

Qualities of Angels: Self Disciplined, Reliable, Safe

Purpose:

The policy aims to provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection provide environments that support SunSmart practices create an awareness of the need to reschedule work commitments and outdoor activities to support SunSmart practices.

Policy:

Our school recognises that winter sun also contributes to skin damage. The implementation of this policy will therefore be conducted throughout the year.

The purpose of this SunSmart policy is to ensure that all children attending our school are, where practical, protected from the harmful effects of the sun throughout the year.

Procedures:

- inform parents of the SunSmart policy when they enrol their child
- include the SunSmart policy statement in the school prospectus
- increase the amount of shade in the school grounds, where possible, by building shelters and planting trees
- incorporate education programs from Prep to Year 6 that focus on skin cancer prevention into the school curriculum
- encourage all teachers and staff to act as positive role models for children in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour
- seek ongoing support from parents and the school community for the SunSmart policy and its implementation, through newsletters, parent meetings etc.
- ensure that all pupils wear hats that protect the face, neck and ears, and SPF 15 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, when involved in outdoor activities
- insist that all children wear rashies when swim lessons are being conducted
- insist pupils without adequate sun protection to use shaded or covered areas at recess and lunch times
- review the school dress code to conform with the Queensland Cancer Fund SunSmart clothing guidelines
- ensure that, wherever practicable, outdoor activities take place before 10 a.m. or after 2 p.m. (Australian Eastern Standard Time ~AEST)
- teachers do random hat checks to check hat is at school and in good repair
- ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and other outdoor events
- review the SunSmart policy annually.

- encourage water intake

Further Information:

Sunsmart : Queensland Cancer Council

Approved by:	The Principal
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School Contact Officer:	The Principal