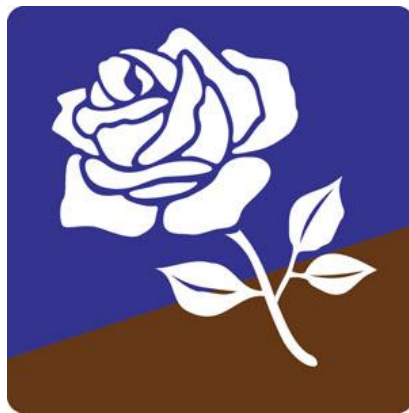


Rosalie Primary School



SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Overexposure to the sun during childhood and adolescence is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer later in life. As students are at school during times of peak ultraviolet (UV) radiation, schools can play a major role in creating a supportive environment that minimises exposure and encourages sun protective behaviours.

Our sun protection policy has been adopted to encourage all students, staff, parents and visitors attending *Rosalie PS* to protect their skin from damage caused by UV radiation from the sun. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. The policy has been developed in consultation with the whole school community.

Our Commitment

Rosalie PS will:

- Inform parents of this sun protection policy when they enrol their child/children.
- Brief all new staff on the sun protection policy.
- Promote sun protection whenever appropriate.
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats when outside.
- Direct students without a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat to stay in an area that is protected from the sun (i.e. veranda).
- Recommend that staff wear broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats for all outdoor activities, including yard duty.
- Encourage parents and guests to wear broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hats when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats, sun protective clothing and sunscreen for all camps, sports and excursions. These items will be listed on the parent permission form.
- Recommend that staff wear and require students to wear a swim (*rash*) top for swimming (this may not be appropriate for competitive swimming).
- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, by planting trees and building shade structures, particularly in areas where students congregate, for example, lunch, outdoor lesson areas.
- Encourage staff and students to use shaded or covered areas when outside.
- Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
- Encourage the use of SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen by:
 - Providing sunscreen in the classroom.
 - Allowing students time to apply sunscreen prior to outdoor activities e.g. before lunch, PE lessons, sports, excursions.
- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs into the appropriate Key Learning Areas of the school curriculum.
- Review the sun protection policy every three years.

Our Expectations

Parents/carers will:

- Ensure your child/children has/have a broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat.
Cancer Council WA recommends the following hats:
 - broad-brimmed
 - legionnaire-style
 - bucket/surfie-style
- Ensure that your child's/children's clothing provides adequate protection from UV radiation.

- Ensure that your child/children has/have access to SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen before leaving for school.
- Act as positive role models by practising SunSmart behaviour.
- Support the school's sun protection policy, and participate in policy updates.

Students will:

- Be aware of the school's sun protection policy.
- Take responsibility for their health by being SunSmart.
- Wear suitable hats and clothing.
- Apply SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen before going outdoors.
- Use shaded or covered areas outdoors.
- Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour.
- Be actively involved in initiatives to protect the school community from over-exposure to the sun.
- Participate in the SunSmart policy updates.
- Participate in SunSmart education programs.

Monitor & Review

Rosalie School Board will regularly review the effectiveness of this policy and make any necessary changes.

It will:

1. Review the SunSmart policy every three years and make recommendations for improvement.
2. Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.

Signed: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____

Title	Sun Protection Policy
Function/s	To ensure that all students, staff, parents and visitors attending <i>Rosalie PS</i> are protected from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun.
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