



St John Vianney's Primary School

St. John Vianney's is a vibrant, welcoming community. With Christ as our centre, we strive to develop the full potential of each person.

Sun Smart Policy

Related Policies

St John Vianney's Excursion Policy and Playground Duty Procedure

Purpose

This policy outlines how the community of St John Vianney's works together to promote positive attitudes and practices towards skin protection from the sun.

Policy

St John Vianney's follows The Cancer Council guidelines for better sun protection in schools. We recognise that schools are ideally placed to help reduce the risk and incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths by encouraging all members of the school community to use effective skin protection measures.

At St John Vianney's we:

1. Promote positive attitudes towards skin protection
2. Provide ongoing education to promote responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection
3. Work with the Community Council to improve sun safe conditions at St John Vianney's, including environmental and clothing considerations.

Definitions

'Sun Smart' is a term used by the Cancer Council to describe the behaviours and knowledge that demonstrates a person is aware of the dangers of over-exposure to the sun.

Procedures

1. Organisation

- Inform parents of the Sun Smart policy when they enrol their child.
- Teachers, students and parents will work to implement the Sun Smart policy all year round.
- School Community Council will ensure uniforms are Sun Smart when making decisions about choice of clothing.
- Require children to wear appropriate sun protective uniform whenever they are outdoors.
- 'No hat, play in the shade' during Terms 1 and 4
(Teachers encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school and provide time to reapply sunscreen if staying outdoors for an extended period of time, especially at carnivals.)
- Encourage staff, parents and visitors to the school to act as positive role models by practising all aspects of Sun Smart behaviour; including wearing sun protective hats for all school related outdoor activities.
- Outdoor sporting activities to be conducted before 11.00am when possible.

2. Education

- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all grade levels.
- Regularly reinforce Sun Smart behaviour in a positive way through role modelling and reminding during school activities.
- Ensure that the Sun Smart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events.

3. Environment

- Lunchtime is 11.15 – 11.55am and Recess is 1.20 - 1.55pm to reduce the amount of exposure when ultraviolet radiation levels are at their highest.
- Schedule outdoor activities outside the time of 11am and 3pm, if possible.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with ample shade whenever possible.
- Work towards maintaining or increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.
- Eat in shaded and covered areas or when too hot, eat and play indoors.
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities.
- As part of the School Registration and Review staff carry out an audit of the school plant ensuring adequate shade and shelter for students, staff and parents is provided

References

The Cancer Council - <http://www.cancercouncil.com.au>

Forms

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