



## HIGHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SunSmart Policy

**Ratified by School Council: June 2013**

**Review date: June 2016**

### **Rationale:**

Highvale Primary School is committed to ensuring that all students and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun, with particular emphasis from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April each year.

### **Aims:**

- To educate the school community about the need to be SunSmart.
- To ensure the SunSmart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events such as camps, excursions and sporting events.
- To educate and encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

### **Implementation:**

- Provide sun protective clothing items as part of our school uniform.
- Require children to wear broad-brimmed hats or legionnaires whenever they are outside. (e.g. recess, lunchtime, assemblies, sport or excursions).
- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all grade levels.
- Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, assembly and student and teacher activities.
- Request staff and encourage parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
- Where practical schedule outdoor activities early in the day or in an area where all students can be in shade.
- Encourage children to use sunscreen brought from home.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade when outdoors.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- The Uniform shop will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats or legionnaires are available for purchase.

### **Responsibility and Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.