



SUN AWARE POLICY

RATIONALE

Australia has some of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Research indicates that childhood exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer. As children are at school during times when UV radiation levels are highest, schools can play a major role in minimising UV exposure.

Our Sun Aware policy has been adopted to support all staff and students in being aware of measures they can take to increase their protection from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun.

This policy is to be implemented throughout the year, with particular emphasis during the summer months. The Sun Aware policy will be applied to all school activities including sporting carnivals, excursions and camps.

This policy has been developed in consultation with the school board and resources available through the Cancer Council of Western Australia's 'SunSmart Schools Policy Guidelines'. Parent and community members are key partners in the implementation of this policy.

OUR COMMITMENT

COMMUNICATION

- Include a copy of the Sun Aware policy in enrolment documentation packages provided to new families.
- Promote sun protection via Compass, Team Deanmore assemblies, staff meetings and health lessons.

UNIFORM

- Include sun protection education in the school health curriculum across different year levels.
- Have a dress code policy that supports sun protective items, which includes the requirement of broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats when outside.
- Recommend staff and students to wear a rash vest/shirt for swimming (this may not be appropriate during competitive swimming).

BEHAVIOUR

- Staff, parents and guests encouraged to role model sun protection behaviour.
- If students attend school without the required hats as outlined in the uniform policy, they are to be directed to play in an area that is protected from the sun.
- When UV index is above '3', children to eat lunch in the undercover area and be encouraged to use shaded areas during break times.
- Encourage the use of SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen by:
 - Teaching students about the use of sunscreen in Health lessons.
 - Providing sunscreen for students to apply within the school environment, including at Physical Education lessons. Sunscreen will be available outside the school library and all PODs.
 - Including personal sunscreen as an individual item on student booklists.
 - Build sunscreen routines into daily break transitions in Term 1 and Term 4.

ENVIRONMENT

- Where feasible, ensure adequate provision of shade within the school grounds. Measures may include planting trees and building shade structures.
- Ensure adequate provision of shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
- Outdoor activities during high UV periods will be conducted in the shade.
- Opportunities to increase shade in the school are investigated regularly.

REVIEW

In consultation with the School Board prior to December 2026.

APPROVAL

Board Chair: Pippa Sweet

(SIGNED)

DATE:

27/10/23

Principal: Jacqueline Cooper

(SIGNED)

DATE:

30/10/23