



Glenburnie Primary School – Sun Smart Policy

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Ratified by: Principal, School Staff and School Governing Council

Sun Smart Policy

Rationale

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world.

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer, and children are particularly at risk.

Glenburnie Primary School is committed to providing a safe school environment and promoting healthy practices to reduce the harmful effects of UV exposure.

Aims

- To protect students, staff, and the school community from overexposure to UV radiation.
- To encourage lifelong sun safe habits in all members of the school community.
- To ensure that Glenburnie Primary School meets Department for Education and Cancer Council SA SunSmart guidelines.

Implementation

Clothing & Hats

- All students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats (that provide shade to the face, neck, and ears) when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4.
- Hats are part of the school uniform and must be worn at playtimes, during outdoor lessons, and for physical education and sporting activities.
- Students without an appropriate hat will be asked to remain in a designated shaded area ("No Hat, Play in the Shade").

Sunscreen

- Glenburnie Primary School provides school sunscreen for students.
- Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before outdoor activities, particularly in Terms 1 and 4.
- Teachers will remind students to apply sunscreen at the start of the school day, before recess, lunch, and outdoor events.
- Families are encouraged to supply their child with their own sunscreen if they have allergies or sensitive skin.

Shade

- The school will continue to provide and maintain shaded areas in the yard, including natural and built shade.
- Outdoor activities (where practical) will be scheduled in shaded areas or at times of lower UV exposure.

Curriculum

- Sun safety will be incorporated into the Health and Physical Education curriculum to promote knowledge, attitudes, and skills that encourage sun smart behaviours.

Staff & Community

- Staff are encouraged to model SunSmart behaviours by wearing sun protective hats, clothing, and sunscreen.
- Families will be informed about the school's Sun Smart Policy through newsletters, the school website, and enrolment information.

Monitoring & Review

- This policy will be reviewed every three years or as guidelines from the Department for Education or Cancer Council SA are updated.

Policy in Practice

- Terms 1 & 4: Hats and sunscreen are compulsory for outdoor play and activities.
- Terms 2 & 3: Hats are optional due to lower UV levels, but sunscreen use is encouraged when necessary.