SUNSMART POLICY

Purpose:
This Sun Smart policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in terms 1 and 4.

As part of general Sun Smart strategies, our school will:

Behaviour
- require children to wear Kananook royal blue broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats whenever they are outside (eg. recess, lunch, sport, excursions) during Terms 1 and 4 each year. Hats are available on request during Terms 2 and 3
- work with the parent community to provide SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and student use
- encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch break
- encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities
- request staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviors
- launder school hats at school’s expense at the middle and end of Terms 1 and 4

Curriculum
- incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all class levels
- regularly reinforce Sun Smart behavior in a positive way through newsletters; parent meetings, student and teacher activities
- the Sun Smart policy is considered in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursions, sporting events).

Environment
- include sun protective clothing items as part of our school uniform
- schedule outdoor activities before 11.00 am and after 3.00 pm during terms 1 and 4 whenever possible
- organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible
- continue to increase the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.

Evaluation
Health Coordinator and staff will review the effectiveness of this policy each year
They will:-
1. review the Sun Smart behavior of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement in the curriculum and programs document
2. assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision
3. update and promote curriculum material relevant to Sun Smart activities.