RATIONALE
Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world

Primary schools can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer by encouraging all members of the school community to take effective skin-protection measures.

OUTCOMES
By promoting this policy amongst all members of the school community they will develop:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection
- Lifestyle practices which will help reduce the incidence of skin cancer
- Personal responsibility for the decision-making about skin protection
- Awareness of the need for environmental measures around the school to reduce exposure to the sun.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Children will wear hats with brims to protect their face, neck and ears whenever outside eg recess, lunch, sport, carnival, etc.
- Hats are considered part of our basic school uniform.
- A “No Hat - No Play” policy will be enforced.
- Children will be encouraged to play, have lunch, etc in shaded areas.
- Sporting activities, whenever possible, will be scheduled before 12 noon (EST) to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- Reviews of the playground will be made annually to see if shaded areas are sufficient.
- Children will have lunch earlier (11am) to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- Sunscreen is no longer provided in classrooms for use by children because so many children have allergies to sunscreen.

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