



## Comet Bay Primary School SunSmart Policy

Our SunSmart Policy has been adopted to ensure that all staff and children attending Comet Bay Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by harmful UVR from the sun. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied all year round to all school activities such as sports carnivals, excursions and camps.

### Behaviour

- The school requires students to wear broad brimmed or bucket style hats whenever they are outside.
- Staff are requested and encouraged to wear broad brimmed or bucket style hats when outside.
- Ensure that children without the appropriate hat are directed to play in an area that is protected from the sun - the under cover area. No SunSmart hat, no play.
- Encourage children with the daily application of sunscreen before school, and prior to the lunch break or any outdoor activity.
- [Parents' written permission is required for early childhood staff to assist children with the application of sunscreen.](#)
- Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities and play.
- Children will be encouraged to wear sun protective clothing, eg. Shirts with collar and sleeves, rash vests for swimming and faction t-shirts with UV rating.

### Curriculum

- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the school curriculum at all levels K-7.
- Regular promotion of sun protection via the school newsletter, assemblies, daily messages, staff and parent meetings and whole school activities.
- School community will be provided with educational material on sun protection.

### Environment

- Encourage children to play and sit in shaded areas eg. Under trees
- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff by planting trees.

- Ensure adequate shade is provided for staff and children during sports carnivals and other outdoor events.
- Children are to eat recess in the undercover area.

### **Evaluation**

The Comet Bay School Staff will review the effectiveness of this policy each year.

They will:

1. Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents, and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
2. Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.
3. Update and promote curriculum material relevant to SunSmart activities.

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