

Showing the way...

ROLE MODELLING & OHS

- ◆ To support health and safety legislation, staff are required to wear sun protective hats when supervising students.
- ◆ Staff, students and visitors will act as positive role models and demonstrate SunSmart behaviour when attending school by:
 - ◆ wearing sun protective clothing
 - ◆ applying SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen
 - ◆ wearing a sun protective hat (broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style)
 - ◆ using and promoting shade
 - ◆ wearing sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067.

EDUCATION

- ◆ Programs on sun protection are included in the curriculum for all year levels.

INFORMING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Sun protection is communicated to staff, families and visitors via newsletters, social media, assemblies, daily messages, whole school activities, and parent and staff meetings.
- ◆ Families and visitors are encouraged to role model sun protection measures when attending outdoor activities.

POLICY MONITORING AND REVIEW

- ◆ The sun protection policy will be made available to staff and parents. Parents are informed of this sun protection policy when they enrol their child/children. All new employees are briefed on the sun protection policy.



IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is to be implemented when the forecast average monthly UV Index in our area is 3 or above (available from www.bom.gov.au). Throughout Western Australia, UV levels reach 3 or above during all school terms. The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including sports carnivals, excursions and camps. Provisions will be made for students who do not have adequate sun protective clothing or hats and these students will not be excluded from curriculum based physical activity, though activities will be restricted to shaded areas.

- ◇ Principal to advise if UV rating is extreme and procedures are implemented.
- ◇ Teachers will follow up for a reason as to why student does not have a broad brimmed hat.
- ◇ School will provide a spare hat for Physical Education lessons only.
- ◇ Student will be limited to the undercover area during recess and lunch.
- ◇ Parents will be contacted if student is regularly without a hat.
- ◇ Provisions will be made by Principal if support is required to purchase a school hat.



AUGUSTA PRIMARY SCHOOL Sun Smart Policy



RATIONALE

Augusta Primary School's Sun Smart Policy is established to provide clear guidelines for all staff, parents and students to ensure that safety and learning opportunities for all students are maximised.

Our Sun Protection Policy has been developed to ensure that all students, staff, parents and visitors attending Augusta Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Where possible, we schedule outdoor activities such as assemblies, outdoor lessons, sport and physical education to occur when the UV Index is below 3. When this is not possible activities are scheduled as far from 12 noon as possible to avoid peak UV times.
- ◇ We require students, staff and parent helpers to wear broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style hat, sun protective clothing and sunscreen for all camps, sports and excursions. These items will be listed on the parent permission form.



SHADE

- ◇ We ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff, particularly in areas in high use areas, for example, popular play areas, where children eat lunch, canteen, and outdoor lesson areas.
- ◇ We encourage staff and students to use shaded areas when outside.
- ◇ Students who do not have appropriate hats or sun protective clothing are asked to play in undercover area protected from the sun.
- ◇ We ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.

CLOTHING

- ◇ Cool, loose-fitting sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform and sports uniform. It includes shirts with collars and sleeves.
- ◇ Students are required to wear a rash vest or similar top for swimming/water activities (may not be appropriate for short periods of competitive swimming)

HATS

- ◇ We require students and staff to wear a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style hat that protects the face, neck, ears and crown of the head whenever they are outside.
- ◇ Students without hats will remain protected from the sun and required to play in the undercover area.
- ◇ We encourage parents and visitors to wear broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style hats when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.



SUNSCREEN

- ◇ Sunscreen is available and accessible to staff and students in classrooms and around the school grounds e.g. at the school office and sport lessons.
- ◇ All students and staff will have access to SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before going outdoors e.g. prior to school, before lunch, PE lessons, sports, excursions etc.
- ◇ Students will be encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school if a different brand is required due to sensitivities etc.
- ◇ Sunscreen will be stored in a cool place, out of the sun.
- ◇ The occupational safety and health representative will monitor the expiry date of sunscreen and discard when out of date.

SUNGLASSES

- ◇ Where practical, students are encouraged to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2,3 or 4).



08 9781 5100



augusta.ps@education.wa.edu.au



32 Allnut Terrace, Augusta, WA, 6290



www.augustaps.wa.edu.au

Showing the way...