

HAMLYN BANKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNSMART POLICY

AIMS

- To increase student and community awareness of the effects of exposure to the sun and of practical means of protection
- To develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about skin protection
- To continue to work towards a school environment which provides shade for the school community

GUIDELINES

To be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis from the beginning of September until the end of April.

Behaviour

Students and teachers will be expected to wear broad brimmed or bucket hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside from the beginning of September until the end of April.

- Encourage the application of sunscreen when appropriate.
- Encourage students to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities
- Expect staff and encourage parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviors

Curriculum

- Incorporate activities on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all grade levels at the beginning of each school year.
- Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way e.g. newsletters, class discussions
- Ensure SunSmart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events e.g. camps, sporting events

Environment

- Schedule outdoor activities before 11am and after 3pm during terms 1 and 4 wherever possible
- Work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees to provide adequate shade in the school grounds
- Organize outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible