



**Munno Para**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Respect, Responsibility, Success*

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## Sun Smart Policy

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Sun exposure in the first ten years of life, determines to some degree, the likelihood of developing skin cancer later in life. It is important to balance sun protection with safe sun exposure for the production of vitamin D for healthy bone growth and development.

### **AIMS**

The aims of the Munno Para Primary School Sun Smart Policy are to promote among students, staff and families:

- Positive attitudes towards protection
- Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer
- Responsibility for and decision making about skin protection
- Awareness of the need for environmental changes in our school to reduce the level of exposure to the sun

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

It is an expectation that all staff, students and families of Munno Para Primary School will use the following skin protection strategies.

1. Students will be allocated a shaded area to sit if they have no hat
2. Students will wear a broad brimmed hat for all outdoor activities
3. Staff and students to wear appropriate Sun Smart clothing which will protect the skin
4. Staff will act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviours
5. Reinforcing and incorporating skin cancer prevention in safety talks.

This policy is for implementation throughout the year with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all students attending Munno Para Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

This Policy has been endorsed by Staff and Governing Council November 2014



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