SUN SMART POLICY

Aim
Our Sun Smart policy has been designed to ensure that all staff and students attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UV rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4, or as determined by the Seabrook School Council.

Behaviour
As apart of our Sun Smart strategies our school will:
- Require children to wear hats, which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside. (E.g. recess, lunchtime, sport and excursions).
- Encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch break or any extended periods of time outside. (Sun screen is located in every room.)
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practicing Sun Smart behaviour.

Curriculum
- Incorporate program on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum at all grade levels.
- Regularly reinforce Sun Smart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters and through student and teacher activities.
- Ensure the Sun Smart policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursions, sporting events).

Environment
- Schedule outdoor activities before 11:00am and after 3pm whenever possible in Terms 1 & 4.
- Organize outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Work towards increasing the number of shelter and trees so as to provide adequate shelter in the school grounds.
- Purchase large umbrellas for seated areas in the courtyard.
- A hot day timetable operates in extreme weather.

Evaluation
The Welfare Committee will evaluate the Sun Smart policy annually. They will:
- Review the Sun Smart behaviour of students, staff, parents and visitors and make recommendations for improvement.
- Assess the shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increased shade provision by surveying students as to their ideas and suggestions about shade.
- Update and promote curriculum material relevant to Sun Smart activities.