

Wakari School Board of Trustees
SHADY SCHOOL POLICY
18 October 1995

PURPOSE

To increase student and community awareness of melanoma, and practical ways of protecting the skin during the summer months.

OBJECTIVES

Section 1.

When enrolling their child parents will be:

1. Informed of the Shady School Policy.
2. Required to ensure that their child has a regulation sun hat at school during terms 1 and 4.
3. Encouraged to provide SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen in their child's bag during summer months.
4. Asked to give permission for sunscreen provided by the school to be used on their child (for example during activities of longer duration and/or higher risk such as school camps, beach activities, sports days).

Section 2

As part of general skin protection strategies the school will:

1. Consider sun protection issues, including the availability of shade and higher risk times of day, when planning outdoor activities.
2. Encourage children to eat their lunch and play in the shade on high-risk days.
1. Require children to wear hats when they are outside at school.
2. Provide extra hats for children to borrow.
3. Provide SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and children's use.
4. Continue to develop further shade areas around the school.

Section 3

As part of ongoing education programmes the school will:

1. Incorporate into classroom programmes ongoing teaching opportunities highlighting skin care issues and in particular the dangers of melanoma and its prevention.

2. Regularly reinforce the Shady School Policy in a positive way through newsletters and student and teacher activities.

EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

1. This policy will be reviewed by the board in accordance with its self-review guidelines and timetable.
2. The board will make its review report available to parents and staff.

Reviewed and revised August 2004

Signed

.....Chairperson.....Principal

..... Date