CSPS SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale:

To promote measures to protect the teachers, students and school community from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun while participating in school related activities.

Aims:

- To educate students as to suitable sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.
- The school will ensure that hats worn as part of the uniform satisfy Anti-Cancer Council Guidelines.
- To ensure a combination of sun protection measures are considered when planning school activities.
- To increase school community awareness of skin cancer risks and eye danger and of practical means of protection.
- To work towards a school environment, which provides outdoor shade areas for students and teachers.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8 cm rigid brim) from the 1st September to the 30th April.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+).
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

Evaluation:

- The inclusion of more shade sails areas in the playground has enhanced the implementation of the Sunsmart policy.