



POLICY – SUNSAFE

At Jervois Primary School we believe that children and staff need to develop a lifelong habit of skin protection in our Australian climate.

Therefore:

- Hats worn at school must be legionnaire, bucket or broad brim (without cords) in the school colour of red
- Students receive a Legionnaire hat in their enrolment pack; and Legionnaire, Bucket and Broad Brim Hats can be purchased from the front office
- Jervois Primary School's uniform complies with requirements outlined by the Cancer Council (e.g. shirts with collars etc). See the Uniform Policy for more information.

Cancer Council SA recommends safe sun exposure when the UV is below 3 in May, June & July (Term 2) to ensure suitable intake of Vitamin D. Staff and children still receive Vitamin D when wearing sun protection.

The following sun protection practices outlined in this policy are for implementation during terms 1, 3 and 4 and when the UV is 3 and above at other times. Depending on school activities, staff and students are encouraged to monitor the UV radiation levels at all other times.

Therefore:

- All students and staff are required to wear hats when outside during terms 1, 3 and 4 (and at teacher's discretion in times of peak UVR outside of these dates). Baseball caps are not acceptable
- Students not wearing suitable clothing or hats must stay in a designated shaded area. The designated areas are the playground under the peppercorn tree & the covered playground in the Nature Play area
- Children must wear a red legionnaire/bucket/broad brim hat on excursions. A reminder will be included on excursion forms sent home
- Parents are encouraged to supply their own children with sunscreen and the use of SPF 30+ or SPF 50+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. When the UV is 3 and above sunscreen is applied 20 min before going outdoors and reapplied every 2 hours when remaining outdoors, or more often if washed or wiped off. Each class has sunscreen available when required, students are responsible for applying their own sunscreen. Students not wearing sunscreen should remain in the shade as much as possible.
- Students are expected to wear a rash vest or t-shirt over bathers for outdoor swimming instruction
- Students are expected to wear school uniform which offers adequate UV protection and is made of a closely woven material. This includes shirts with collars, and longer style sleeves and longer style shorts, dresses and skirts. See Uniform Policy.
- Sports Days and Camps are scheduled during off peak UVR times where possible, such as during term 2
- Programs about skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all students
- Parents are provided with a copy of this policy in the student enrolment pack
- Information on sun smart behaviour is regularly promoted and reinforced in the whole school community through newsletters and assemblies
- Visitors and parents are encouraged to role model SunSmart behaviours when participating in or attending outdoor activities with the school.
- Where possible, outdoor activities are rescheduled outside peak UV times of the day, or conducted in the shade, or indoors
- A combination of skin protection measures, including shade are considered when planning outdoor excursions, activities and classes
- Children are actively encouraged to seek shade for all outdoor activities, including during break and leisure times
- Leadership and Governing Council regularly audit shade to determine availability and quality of shade
- For WHS, when the UV is 3 and above, staff members are required to role model sun protection by wearing sun protective hats, clothing, sunglasses and sunscreen, and seek shade

This Sun Safe Policy has been endorsed by the Jervois Primary School Governing Council and is reviewed regularly, at least every three years to ensure information remains current, and in consultation with Cancer Council recommendations when SunSmart membership is due for renewal.