



SunSmart Policy

Purpose:	To protect children and community members against sun damage as part of Woodline's Duty of Care
Scope:	All persons within the Woodline Primary community
Implemented by:	Principal
Approved by:	WP Board
Reviewed:	Every two years or as legislative changes or improvements are identified
Communicated via:	Woodline Primary Website, Family Information Evening, Policies and Procedures Master File, Team Meetings

1. Purpose

Given school hours fall within peak UV periods of the day, this policy provides guidelines on effective UV protection strategies.

Woodline must comply with the following Acts:

- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Education and Training Reform Act 2006: Sch.5 Reg. 1 (1.2)

Too much ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. More than two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime. As the sun's UV radiation (which cannot be seen or felt) is the major cause of skin cancer, most skin cancers can be prevented by using sun protection measures whenever UV levels are three or higher.

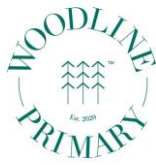
2. Implementation

This SunSmart policy provides guidelines to:

- ensure all children and Team members are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation
- ensure children are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection
- support Woodline to meet its duty of care and occupational health and safety obligations to minimise harmful UV exposure for children and Team members

3. SunSmart Guidelines

1. Children and Team members to wear wide brimmed hats from September to April
2. Children and Team members to ensure shoulders are covered and encourage children to wear tops with collars
3. Children are encouraged to apply sunscreen prior to coming to school
4. Sunscreen is easily accessible for reapplying throughout the day



5. When a child does not have a hat, they are asked to play in the shade
6. All Guidelines apply when offsite
7. Families, visitors, contractors and volunteers are also encouraged to follow policy guidelines when at Woodline Primary or engaged in school related activities

Table of Amendments

Version Number	Date	Short description of amendment
1.0	October 2024	New policy
Scheduled Review Date		October 2026