The purpose of this policy is to promote the awareness of skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun and to encourage the school community to protect their skin. This applies to all members of the school community between 8.30a.m. and 3.10p.m at all times of the year. Road Crossing monitors will wear a hat at all times.
SUNSMART POLICY

On VERY HOT DAYS - 35 – 38 degrees. – Early play on Asphalt only, 2nd play session in doors.

- First Lunch will be as normal – 11:15 – 11:45 but children will not be allowed to play on the new ‘Adventure Playground’. There will be no sports equipment and children will be encouraged to play quietly in the shade. Teachers will be notified via the telephone if students are to stay inside at recess.
- There will be no play at Recess – 1:15 – 1:40. Leadership or support teachers designated as being on duty or who have not had duty all day will support by releasing teachers who have not had a break all day. Computer room or Library may be open if staff are available and the Gym can also be accessed on certain days. This will be announced. Teachers may release each other to provide breaks.
- 38 degrees or over, No Play at all. All play will be indoors on these days.
- The bell will still ring to signal the beginning and ends of break times at recess and lunch.

On days 32 degrees or over, or when the U.V. rating is given as high or above - staff will arrange sport/fitness lessons before 10am. On extremely hot days, sport/fitness only occurs indoors. The Sport’s teacher has priority.

General Skin-protection Strategies:

- The school community is encouraged to wear appropriate clothing to protect the face, neck and ears whenever possible. E.g. sport lessons and carnivals, outdoor excursions and activities, lunch and recess breaks. If accompanying students on excursions or in outdoor activities, adult helpers, parents and teachers are expected to wear appropriate sun smart clothing and a hat as per our guidelines.

- A broad rimmed (minimum 7cm) or legionnaire style hat (must cover ears) is compulsory. (Green, Black or White) Hats may not be of the cap or bucket variety and must not have been vandalised, torn, cut or modified in any way.

- Children who do not have their hats will sit in the shade around surrounding the asphalt. A note will be sent home to parents/caregivers so that a hat may be obtained, if continually not wearing a hat.

- Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor play activities.

Teachers use their professional judgement when planning outdoor activities in line with the Camping/Outdoor Policy. If 32 degrees or above, all outdoor activities will be completed before 12 midday.

Children are allowed to bring sunscreen from home and to apply it before going outdoors but they are not permitted to share it with other students. DECD policy states that the school is not allowed to apply sunscreen in case the children are allergic to it or even have some form of skin allergy.

When on excursions, parents should provide students with water to drink.
Our School:

- Incorporates aspects of sun safe practices into the curriculum e.g. teaching for the prevention of skin cancer, encouraging behaviours that are endorsed by Cancer Council SA - Sun Smart etc.

- Expects the use of hats and reinforces regularly the SUNSMART Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings and school community activities.