GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
POLICY STATEMENT

Sunsmart

Rationale:

• Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

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.

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) between September and April whenever they are outside.
• 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 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 will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the uniform store.
• 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.
• Our school will seek accreditation as a Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Evaluation:

Evaluation will be Obsevational bt Teachers on Yard Duty and supervising outdoors activities. Annual review by School Council to ensure successful and ongoing implemtation.

Current Responsibility: School Council
Last Revision: May 2008