Our SUNSMART Policy encourage sun protective behaviours in students, staff and parents. It includes sun protection in the school curriculum and aims to provide a safe, shady environment for students, staff and others at our school.

These practices and policy, provide a clear statement about the school’s position on:

- The inclusion of sun protection education in the school curriculum
- The introduction of broad-brimmed hats for all students, as recommended by the University of Western Australia, Cancer Foundation and Western Australian Health Department KIDSKIN PROJECT (Kidskin Pg 47).
- Students and staff wearing broad-brimmed hats whenever outside.
- Reducing UVR exposure by, wherever possible rescheduling sport and other outdoor activities, and
- A planned approach to increasing the amount of shade available for students and staff.

Our purpose is to ensure that East Victoria Park Primary Schools develop the skill, knowledge and attitudes to minimise UV radiation exposure and maximise sun protection. We therefore seek to ensure that all students, staff and others at our school, are exposed to a safe environment.

OUTCOMES

This policy is incorporated into the school’s POLICIES and PRACTICES (Student Services 4.00) and covers the school’s SunSmart practices in the areas of BEHAVIOUR, CURRICULUM and ENVIRONMENT.

BEHAVIOUR

1. The school encourages the use of 8 – 10 cm broad-brimmed hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen whenever outside.
2. Introduce the wearing of broad-brimmed hats by all students and staff in 1998.
3. Staff encourage the use of shade whenever outside.
4. No Hat – No Play. Children not wearing a broad-brimmed hat are not permitted to leave the covered area for play at recess and lunch times.
5. Children without broad-brimmed hats are not to participate in outdoor sport, physical education or other activities where they will be subjected to direct UV radiation.
6. Children eat their morning tea and lunch in an undercover area.
7. Sunscreen is available in all classrooms (monitored by classroom teachers).
8. Sunscreen is applied to all junior school students 15 minutes prior to swimming lessons.
9. Senior students apply sunscreen prior to swimming lessons, swimming carnivals, inter-school sports carnivals and other extended outdoor activities.
10. Children are encouraged to wear Cancer Foundation approved swim suits and if not available, to wear a T-shirt when not competing.

CURRICULUM

11. Teachers are encouraged to utilise and develop skin cancer prevention curriculum that
promotes positive knowledge, attitudes and skills. This should be given priority in terms 1 and 4.

12. The school promotes sun protective behaviours in school newsletters, meetings and activities.