SUN SAFE POLICY

Mission Statement:

At St. Patrick’s Primary School we are part of the Holbrook Catholic Community. Our heritage is embedded in the traditions and customs of the early Irish settlers, whose faith was inspired by St Patrick.

In the Spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph (who founded the school) we commit to:

- Provide quality learning experiences in religion
- Invest in independent thinking, and the development and application of targeted learning outcomes

Rationale:
Primary Schools can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths by encouraging all members of the school community to take effective skin protective measures.

Aims:
The aims of the Sun Safety Policy are to promote among students, staff and parents:

- positive attitudes towards sun protection.
- lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer.
- personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection.
- awareness of the need for environmental changes to reduce the level of exposure to the sun.

Our School has in place a ‘NO HAT – Play in the SHADE’ policy.

Our School will:

- Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
- Provide shelter and shade wherever possible.
- Limit exposure times through timetable changes in Term 1.
- Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention in our curriculum.
- Reinforce the Sun Safety Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings and student and teacher activities.

Hats

ALL children and staff are expected to wear a broad brim hat that has been recommended by the Anti-Cancer Council and endorsed by the School Council with them at school throughout the school year. Navy blue broad-rimmed hats with the school logo are available for purchase from the uniform shop at school.
ALL children and staff are expected to wear their hats all times when they are outside during lunch and recess breaks and all outdoor curriculum activities that occur during the year.

Children who do not wear hats during recess and or lunch must play in the shade of the fixed equipment. If a student repeatedly chooses not to wear their hat their parents will be informed.

Sunblock

Sun block is kept in all classrooms for children to apply during the day as required. Sun block is essential at swimming sessions, outdoor excursions and camps.

Sunglasses
Students have the option of wearing School approved sunglasses at Recess and Lunch.