

## **SUN SAFE POLICY**

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Skin cancer is almost totally preventable. Sun exposure during childhood and adolescence plays a critical part in the development of skin cancer later in life.

Therefore as a Sun Smart School at Hamley Bridge Primary we will :-

- Implement our prevention policy from September 1 to April 31 and when the UV ray level is 3 and above at other times.
- All students and staff need to wear a hat that covers face, neck and ears whenever outside in this timeframe. Baseball hats are not allowed even on casual days. Between this time students can wear **either** a school beanie **or** the school bucket hat, to alleviate ear problems.
- School uniform includes shirts with collars and sleeves. Singlets and t-shirts with no sleeves are not to be worn at school.
- A hat will be supplied to each new student free of charge. Replacement hats will cost \$11.00 each. Hats should not be written on, cut or defaced.
- Protective clothing, rash vests/t-shirts to be worn at swimming lessons and carnivals.
- The use of SPF30+ broad band spectrum water resistant sunscreen is actively encouraged with time for application allowed. Sunscreen is available in each classroom. If your child has any allergies, please make sure that staff are aware of this.
- Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum at all year levels.
- Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to whole school community and all new families and staff members are informed of the policy.
- The school will review its skin protection policy, at least every 2 years, to ensure that the information remains current and relevant.