



SunSmart policy

Levels 5-6

Learning intention

To critically analyse whether the school's sun protection / SunSmart policy is comprehensive and effective.

Victorian F-10 Curriculum Links Content descriptions

English (Reading)

Level 5: Use comprehension strategies to analyse information, integrating and linking ideas from a variety of print and digital sources.

Level 6: Use comprehension strategies to interpret and analyse information and ideas, comparing content from a variety of textual sources including media and digital texts.

Introduction

School policies

Introduce students to school policies - why they are developed, who the intended audience is, the key areas covered and the features.

Share different school policies with the class and ask them to review them in pairs, noting key features and information. Are there any similarities or differences across the policies?

The Department of Education's *School Policy and Advisory Guide* (SPAG) includes information about sun protection at www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/sun.aspx.

Activity

Ask the students to read the school's sun protection/SunSmart policy and answer the following questions:

- Does the SunSmart policy include all key sun protection information?
 - ✓ Sun protection is used whenever UV is 3 or higher
 - ✓ Sun protection is used from mid-August to the end of April
 - ✓ The school uniform includes
 - Wide-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats
 - Clothing that covers the shoulders, chest, arms and legs
 - ✓ Students are reminded to bring and apply sunscreen each day
 - ✓ The school has shade
 - ✓ Students can wear UV protective sunglasses
 - ✓ Students learn about sun protection
 - ✓ Sun protection information is available for families
 - ✓ Teachers also use sun protection for their own health and to be role models for students
- Does the school's SunSmart policy reflect what students do? Why/Why not?
- Does the school's SunSmart policy reflect the teachers' actions? Why/Why not?
- Is there anything currently missing in the policy?

Extension

Encourage the students to review and compare their school's policy with the SunSmart schools policy on the SunSmart website at

www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-primary-schools/sample-policies

- Does the school policy include all key points included in SunSmart's policy?
- Can the students recommend any changes or additions to their school's policy?

Perhaps students can assist with the school's SunSmart policy review and membership renewal at

www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-primary-schools/renew-membership