Woodville Primary School affirms its commitment to child safety by offering safe alternatives to outside play in hot weather and by encouraging SunSmart behaviours.

**Action**

Broad brimmed and legionnaire hats will be worn from the start of Term 1 until the end of May and from the beginning of September until the end of Term 4.

Sunscreen is provided in classrooms for student and staff use.

When the temperature is 37°C or higher the following will occur:

- Children will be supervised inside at lunch time and Recess time.
- Outdoor education activities will be cancelled.

For outside sporting activities, including school sports and vigorous Phys Ed lessons, the temperature limit is reduced to 35°C.

*For swimming lessons, when the temperature is 37°C or higher...*

- **Verbal instruction and discussion time will take place in the student’s classrooms**
- **Aquatic activities may still take place in the water (sunscreen and t-shirts or rash vests are worn)**

When the temperature is 35°C and under 37°C, students will be instructed to play in the shade and to avoid vigorous play.

SunSmart guidelines are also in place for After School Sport.

**Management**

The following structures will be followed:

- Hot Weather Policy will be communicated to staff from the office.
- The decision to enact Hot Weather Policy will be made by Leadership Staff.
- Data will be accessed from the Bureau of Meteorology website, which offers an online service updated every ten minutes. This will occur daily at 10:30 and 12:30.
- On ‘Hot Weather’ days, teachers will share supervision of students inside at playtimes. This will be supported by specialist and support staff.
- This policy document and the rosters should be retained in class folders for easy reference.

Please also note:

- In the case of hot weather that does not meet the criteria, children will be encouraged to seek safe and shaded play options.
- Students without hats will sit in designated shade areas at playtimes (PY’s: Gym veranda, EY’s: Lunchshed)
- Adults will model SunSmart behaviour by wearing hats or carrying an umbrella when outdoors.
- School hats are part of School dress code and therefore should be maintained in good order.