Formal interviews with the classroom teacher are held at the end of Term 2, but please feel free to make an appointment with the teacher at any time if you have concerns about your child’s progress.

**SUNSMART POLICY**

**RATIONALE**
Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Research shows that severe sunburn contributes to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as sunspots, blemishes and premature ageing. Most skin damage and skin cancer is therefore preventable. Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are highest during the hours that children are at school. With this in mind, St. Teresa’s School, Ravenshoe, realises the need to protect children’s skin and educate them about Sunsmart behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

**AIMS**
The policy aims to:
- provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection;
- provide environments that support Sunsmart practices;
- and create an awareness of the need to reschedule outdoor activities to support Sunsmart practices.

**PROCEDURES**
The purpose of this Sunsmart policy is to ensure that all children attending our school are protected from the harmful effects of the sun throughout the year.

**OUR COMMITMENT**
St. Teresa’s School, Ravenshoe will:
- include the Sunsmart policy statement in the school handbook;
- incorporate education programs that focus on skin cancer prevention into the school curriculum;
- encourage all teachers and staff to act as positive role models for children in all aspects of Sunsmart behaviour;
- ensure that all students and staff wear hats;
- ‘no hat, no outside play’ policy to be implemented by staff.

**OUR EXPECTATIONS**
Parents/Carers will:
- support the school’s Sunsmart policy.

Students will:
- be aware of the school’s Sunsmart policy;
- take responsibility for their own health and safety by being Sunsmart;
- comply with Sunsmart rules and guidelines by wearing suitable hats;
- act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of Sunsmart behaviour;
- participate in Sunsmart education programs.