

FLEXIBLE SHADE STRUCTURES



Rationale:

- Flexible shade structures (including shade sails) are an important but expensive feature of our Sunsmart program. Flexible shade structures also require regular inspections and maintenance to ensure their longevity, integrity and safety.

Aims:

- To ensure that all flexible shade structures at our school are regularly inspected, well maintained and safe.
- To maximise the longevity of flexible shade structures and to ensure a maximum return for money invested in their construction.

Implementation:

- Flexible shade structures are generally installed at our school above play equipment, and above designated passive areas.
- Flexible shade structures provide protection from the sun and other elements, as well as adding an attractive feature to the school grounds.
- Flexible shade structures are placed in locations decided by school council, after recommendations are received from the Grounds sub-committee.
- All flexible shade structures will be purchased from a professional specialist flexible shade structure manufacturer and installed by a registered builder.
- The school will obtain a building permit for the work and a copy of the certified structural computations.
- All newly installed flexible shade structures (and existing flexible shade structures) are to be certified by a registered structural engineer.
- After the initial registered structural engineer's certification, the principal will ensure that all flexible shade structures are regularly visually inspected at least every 3 months.
- All maintenance will be carried out as timely as practicable, and all inspection reports and certifications will be permanently retained as well as being entered on the School Maintenance System (SMS).
- Any vandalism or graffiti will be repaired or removed as a matter of urgency.
- The school will install lighting and consider the use of closed circuit television surveillance to minimise the potential for vandalism out of school hours.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.
Policy ratified by School Council June 2010