



# MOUNT ISA CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

## LEADSmart Policy Statement

### Rationale

Mount Isa is an area which is rich in mineral deposits, providing a source of employment to many residents. Excessive exposure to lead can cause health concerns, lead exposure often occurs when children ingest small amounts of soil and dust during normal daily activity. The key groups for high risk behaviours such as hand to mouth contact are 0-4 year olds.

Given students are playing and eating at pre-schools and schools, these facilities play a major role in both minimising a student's lead exposure and providing an environment where policies and procedures can positively influence student behaviour.

With this in mind Mount Isa Central State School realises the need to provide a healthy environment for children and carers about LEADSmart behaviour, thus reducing the risk of high blood lead levels.

### Aims

This policy aims to:

- Inform new parents and carers of the LEADSmart policy when they enrol their child
- Ensure parents and carers of existing students are aware of the new policy and understand the concept of LEADSmart and Squeaky Kleen
- Include a LEADSmart policy statement in the school prospectus
- Incorporate education programs that focus on Wet Wipe, Wash & Eat Well practices
- Encourage all staff to act as positive role models for students in all aspects of LEADSmart behaviour
- Seek ongoing support from parents & the school community for the LEADSmart policy through newsletters, parent meetings etc
- Ensure that adequate ground cover is provided outdoors particularly in areas where children congregate and eat
- Incorporate Squeaky Kleen activities into the school curriculum

### Our Commitment

Mount Isa Central State School will:

- Incorporate Squeaky Kleen activities and programs into classroom lessons,
- Involve school community in all aspects of the LEADSmart program,
- Encourage healthy practices such as hand washing, wet wiping and healthy eating within all classrooms,
- Provide adequate ground cover areas for students to play and eat on,
- Provide Living with Lead Alliance material to all teachers, parents and carers,
- Adopt Wet Wipe, Wash & Eat Well practices in all aspects of school life.

### Our Expectations

Parents/Carers will:

- Act as positive role models for LEADSmart behaviours
- Support the school's LEADSmart policy and to be involved in updating the policy when asked
- Encourage children to adopt LEADSmart activities such as hand washing at home as well as at school

Students will:

- Carry out all new LEADSmart activities as directed by the school
- Assist in developing and updating the LEADSmart school's program as requested by teachers.

