



SunSmart Policy

RATIONALE

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase student and community awareness of skin cancer.
- Assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about skin protection.
- To provide a safe school environment that provides shade for students and staff.
- Encourage students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen during high risk times such as lunch times, sports, excursions and camps.

IMPLEMENTATION

- During Terms 1 and 4, broad brimmed hats must be worn by all College staff and students when outside.
- Students and staff will wear broad brimmed hats and be provided with appropriate sunscreen during outdoor physical education and sport classes during Terms 1 and 4.
- Suitable hats, clothing and sunscreen (provided by the school) are required as compulsory equipment for all camps and outdoor excursions during Terms 1 and 4.
- Students without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to indoor areas. If students are found outside without a hat they will be sent to the Cafeteria Area.
- The School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density areas such as eating spaces and passive leisure locations. Temporary shade structures will be erected at events such as swimming and athletic sports.
- The school newsletter, Compass and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the Sunsmart Policy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in October 2016