



Sun Protection Policy

Purpose

The policy aims to provide a Sun Safe environment for staff and students. The purpose of this policy is to educate and protect staff and students against harmful UV sun rays.

Definition

Sun Protection: Staff and students spend time in the sun during school hours and should take necessary precautions to protect against exposure to sun rays.

Implementation

- Staff and students will be actively encouraged to use shaded areas as much as possible when outside.
- Students are encouraged to wear hats in Term 1 and Term 4 or when the UV rays are above 3.
- Sun protection and skin cancer awareness programmes will be incorporated into the curriculum across the College. Students should not only understand how and why they need to protect their skin, but also have the opportunity to explore related issues, such as self image and peer pressure, all of which influence decision making in relation to UV exposure
- All students are required to wear the College cap or bucket hat when involved in PE lessons or outdoor activities. Staff members are to act as role models by wearing appropriate hats and clothing.
- Students will be encouraged to wear t-shirts or lycra protective shirts over bathers while attending swimming.
- Students and staff will be actively encouraged to apply SPF 30+ broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen eg prior to school, before lunch, PE lessons, sport, excursions and outdoor activities. Sunscreen is provided at the College and at all College events.
- No student or staff member will be made to wear sunscreen against their wishes.
- Appropriate College hats, sun-protective clothing and sunscreen will be required for all camps and excursions. These items will be listed on parent permission forms.
- The College recognises that staff members are at risk of UV damage during yard duty and outdoor events, especially physical education and sport teachers and ground staff. Staff are strongly encouraged to keep a broad brimmed hat, sunglasses and long sleeve shirt at school for use during outdoor activities. An umbrella may be used for any staff who does not wish to wear a hat.
- Outdoor events are either scheduled out of peak UV radiation time or held in an area where all students can be in shade.

The Sun Protection Policy will be monitored by the College Leadership Team who will ensure that the policy is reviewed every two years.

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