



SUNSMART

POLICY

Rationale:

- Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Adolescence is a critical period in which sun exposure is likely to contribute to the incidence of skin cancer and eye damage. Approximately 75% of all skin cancers could be prevented by practicing sun protection during childhood and adolescence. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and they must be protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To increase student and community awareness of skin cancer and other damage caused by UV radiation.
- To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade and other sun protective measures for the entire school community.
- To encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures.
- To ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school's sun protection policy.

Implementation:

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear protective clothing.
- All students and staff are encouraged to wear hats when outside.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to wear close fitting, wrap around sunglasses (AS 1067) during outside activity.
- Broad spectrum SPF 30+ water resistant sunscreen will be encouraged in equipment lists for use by both staff and students
- Information regarding sunscreen and its correct use will be provided to the community via the college health programmes.
- Consideration to sun protection will be given when planning all outdoor events including assemblies, excursions and sporting events.
- School council will plan for, and provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable.
- Students will be encouraged to utilise shade when outside during terms 1 and 4.
- The Sunsmart policy will appear in each edition of the student diary, on the school's intranet and website and will form part of each staff member's induction program.

Evaluation:

- The principal will ensure that School Council and staff review this policy in collaboration with the Student Representative Council as part of the school's cyclic 3 year review process.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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