



SKIN PROTECTION POLICY

VISION

- All Students and Staff are protected from the harmful UV rays of the sun.
- The entire school community is aware of the importance of sun safe practices.

ACTION

- We will educate and raise awareness within the School Community of long term effects of over exposure to the sun. This could be done through information sessions, Health lessons provided by both classroom teachers and the Health & PE Specialist teacher, assemblies, newsletter articles and curriculum activities.
- Outdoor activities will be scheduled to minimise sun exposure during peak UV radiation times (between 10.00am - 3pm from beginning of September to end of May).
- Students will wear a Legionnaire, bucket or broad brimmed hat from the beginning of September until the end of May. In the winter months (1st June – 30th August) when the ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are generally below 3, hats are optional. (School uniform hats are available for purchase from the Front Office).
- Appropriate skin protective clothing is included in the uniform code – including shirts with collars and the wearing of a rash vest or close fitting tee-shirt over bathers for outdoor swimming activities.
- Students will be provided with adequate shade within the school grounds by planting trees and providing shaded structures.
- Shade will be considered when organising outdoor events and activities, such as PE and Sports Day and this policy will be used when planning all outdoor events.
- Where appropriate, we encourage the use of sunglasses that have an Eye Protection Factor (EPH) rating of 10 and meet the Australian Standards AS/NZ1067:2003
- Induction of new staff in relation to the Hat & Sun Safe Policy will be ongoing.
- Students who do not wear a hat outside during peak UVR times will be directed to play under the verandah outside the Library and canteen or to the shade area on the oval. They will remain there until the end of play.
- The application of a broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen with a SPF of 30+ is encouraged and time for the application of sunscreen is allowed.
- Students are required to wear suitable clothing to protect them from the sun – especially when participating in extra-curricular events such as Sports Day, aquatic activities and camps where a school uniform may not be worn. Mid-riff and singlet tops are not appropriate.
- We will ensure that Students are reminded about bringing hats for special events e.g. swimming, aquatics, excursions, camps etc.
- The school will provide broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen for student use on specific occasions, e.g. PE, Sports Days, camps and excursions.
- Students will be reminded prior to recess & lunch breaks to wear a hat & play in the shaded areas.

REVIEW

- Staff be involved in an Annual Review
- Information gathered from Team Meetings – Students, Staff and Governing Council.
- The school will participate in The Cancer Council's regular review process.

Ratified by Staff: May 2016 - Principal: Lissa Hutter Ratified by Governing Council: June 2016 - Governing Council Chair: Charmaine Vearing Review date: 2018