

# Sun Smart Policy



## Policy

- Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. It is estimated that more than 75% of all skin cancers could be prevented by practising sun protection in early childhood and adolescence.
- Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students will be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and be offered protection from over exposure whilst at school.

## Aim

- To increase student and community awareness of skin cancer.
- To assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about sun protection.
- To work toward a safe school environment.
- To encourage students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen during high risk times such as lunchtime, during sport, camps and excursions.

## Implementation

- Sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs are incorporated into the appropriate Key Learning Areas of the College curriculum.
- Students and staff will be actively encouraged to wear a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF 30+) and approved broad brimmed hat (as per school uniform). Sunscreen as described on the booklist is to be purchased by the parent/guardian and applied as directed by the manufacturer.
- The College will provide adequate shade structures for students, particularly over high density areas such as eating spaces and passive leisure areas.
- The College Newsletter, Daily Bulletin and assemblies will be utilised to highlight and reinforce the Sun Smart policy.

**Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's review cycle

**Related policies:** School Policy Advisory Guide – <http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

*This policy was endorsed by the College Council in June, 2016*