**Sun Smart Policy**

This Sun Smart policy has been developed to:

* ensure all students and staff are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation
* ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection
* support our school’s strategies to meet its duty of care and occupational health and safety obligations to minimise harmful UV exposure for students, staff and visitors.

To assist with the implementation of this policy, staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times via the free [SunSmart app,](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app) or at [sunsmart.com.au.](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/)

**Sun protection measures**

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/dress code and sports uniform. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts.

Sunscreen

* Parents are strongly encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children at home before school.
* Students can provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
* The school also has compliant sunscreen available for staff and students to use if their own sunscreen is not available.
* Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum) should be applied twenty minutes before outdoor activities and reapplied every two hours when outdoors.
* Strategies will be in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
* In line with protective practices, staff will not apply sunscreen directly to students’ skin, but will encourage, remind and supervise students self-applying sunscreen.

Hats

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears (e.g. broad brimmed or bucket hats), whenever they are outside. These hats are part of the compulsory school uniform and are available from the front office. Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable.

Curriculum

Education on skin cancer awareness/prevention are included in the curriculum wherever possible. Sun smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted within the school.

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