



## Sun Smart Policy

### Rationale:

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Sun exposure during childhood and adolescence is a risk factor for skin cancer later in life.

At St Peter Julian School, we believe that all children should be protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra violet rays of the sun.

### Aims:

Increase student and community awareness about skin cancer and sun protection

Encourage the community to use a combination of sun protection practices.

Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community

Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection

Ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school's SunSmart Policy

### Implementation:

- ❑ From the beginning of September until the end of April children are required to wear school broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats whenever they are outside (e.g. Recess, lunch, sport, and excursions)
- ❑ Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.
- ❑ Children who do not have a school hat remain on Kiss 'n Drive.-*No school hat , no play*
- ❑ Request staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours and wearing broad-brimmed hats or using sun umbrellas while on duty or on outside activities
- ❑ Students are encouraged to bring SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen to school. It is recommended that children apply their own sunscreen. Teachers will remind children to apply sunscreen prior to outdoor activity.
- ❑ Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities

- ❑ From beginning of September through to the end of April consider the weather implications when scheduling outdoor activities including PE and Level Sport.
- ❑ Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- ❑ Regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, school intranet, student and staff activities and on enrolment.
- ❑ Programs on skin cancer prevention and vitamin D are included in the curriculum for all year levels.
- ❑ Work towards increasing the number of trees and shade areas to provide adequate shade in the school ground.
- ❑ Children and staff are permitted to wear close fitting, wrap around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was ratified by St Peter Julian Eymard School Advisory Council-March 2012.

References: <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

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