

Sun Protection Policy 2012

Aims

- A. To minimise the risk of excessive UV radiation exposure for all students and staff.

Scope and Application

This policy is available on the school website and is included in the staff induction manual.

This policy applies to:

- A. Employees
- B. Students
- C. Parents
- D. Community members
- E. Visitors to the school

Principles

A. Behaviour

1. Hats

- a. during terms 1 and 4, all staff and students are required to wear a hat if they are in the sun
- b. parents and visitors are encouraged to wear a hat
- c. broad brimmed or legionnaires hats are preferred.
- d. in terms 2 and 3, hats are optional

2. Sunscreen

- a. SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen will provided by the school for general use
- b. the use of sunscreen is optional for each family
- c. younger students will be helped in applying sunscreen if needed.

3. Clothing

- a. staff and students will be encouraged to wear clothing that protects them from UV radiation.

4. Excursions, camps and physical education

- a. when relevant, as determined by the teacher in charge, hats, sunscreen and appropriate clothing will be required on excursions, camps and during physical education.

B. Curriculum

Education on the dangers associated with UV radiation will be included in the curriculum in a formal and informal way.

C. Environment

Plenty of shaded areas will be available for use by staff and students at all times of the school day.

Remarks

The school respects the right of families to choose whether or not their children use sunscreen, as we acknowledge that some people believe its use has long term health risks.

Responsibilities

A. Coordinator

1. ensure staff understand and comply with this policy
2. ensure the school community is aware of the content and intent of this policy
3. ensure sunscreen is available

B. Teachers

1. wear hats and appropriate clothing in the sun
2. educate students on safe practices for sun protection
3. remind students to wear hats and appropriate clothing
4. help students apply sunscreen
5. inform parents if a student does not have a hat at school

C. Parents

1. provide an appropriate sun protection hat to be kept at school
2. notify teachers of your family's preferences about sunscreen

D. Students

1. wear a hat when required
2. make sure they have a hat at school

Related Legislation

- A. See Policies and Procedures Guidelines for Schools, Compliance Issues, AISWA

Related Kerry Street Documentation

- A. Duty of Care Policy

More Information

- A. Policies and Procedures Guidelines for Schools, AISWA Publication for Member Schools, Section 13: Student and Staff Health

Contact Person

Enquires relating to this policy should be directed to the School Coordinator or Council President.

Breaches of this Policy

Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Authorisation and Review

- A. This policy was read, discussed and endorsed by the staff on 1/12/04
- B. Policy reviewed by meeting of staff and council on 13/1/06
- C. This policy was reviewed September 2012
- D. Due for review October 2019

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