

Springside P-9 College SUN SMART Policy



Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To educate students as to suitable Sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage students and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Uniform Policy.
- Students in years P-6 will be required to wear school hats during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Students in years 7-9 will be encouraged to wear hats whilst outside during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Students in years P-6 without a school hat will have restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Students will be encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- First aid kits will have sunscreen available for application on all camps and excursions.
- Sunscreen will also be made available at school for sports days/activities.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the Sunsmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- The application of sunscreen is the responsibility of students and parents.
- For additional information parents may access the school section of www.sunsmart.com.au

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the colleges review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by school council in SEPTEMBER 2016