



## Sun Smart Policy

### Policy

St Patrick's has a Sunsmart policy that is implemented and must be adhered to throughout the entire year, with particular emphasis in Terms 1 & 4.

### Rationale

At St Patrick's our Sunsmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

### Our Commitment to Diversity

All members of our school community will endeavor to promote awareness of cultural, religious, gender and political diversity. We seek opportunities to foster inclusiveness for all people and to promote the dignity of the human person. Our policies and programs will acknowledge the rich diversity of Australian culture and we will embrace each member of our school community regardless of ability, belief, gender affiliation or practice.

### Our Commitment to Child Safety

All students enrolled have, and any child visiting has a right to feel safe and to be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority. We have zero tolerance for child abuse and we will create a child safe and child friendly environment where children are safe and free to enjoy life to the full without any impediments to their safety.

### Guidelines

- Children are required to wear the prescribed school uniform legionnaire or bucket hat whenever they are outside in Terms 1&4. This includes recess and lunch times as well as sport sessions and excursions.
- Each classroom will be provided with SPF 30 + broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and students use.
- Staff will encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school and prior to the lunch breaks in Terms 1 & 4.
- Children will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Staff and parents are encouraged to act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviours.
- Programs on skin cancer prevention will be incorporated into the curriculum at all year levels.
- The promotion and reinforcement of Sun Smart behaviour will be positively reinforced through newsletters, parent meetings, assemblies, student and teacher activities.
- The Sun Smart policy will be reflected in the planning of all outdoor activities. (e.g. camp, excursions, sporting events).

- Staff will be mindful to schedule outdoor activities before 11:00 and after 3:00 pm during Terms 1 & 4.

### Consequences

Children that do not have a prescribed school uniform legionnaire or bucket hat are required to play in an undercover area during recess and lunch times. The school has a stock of second hand hats that are made available to students who do not have a hat when participating in outdoor activities (e.g. sport, excursions).

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