



SUNSMART POLICY

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Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. It is estimated that more than 75% of all skin cancers could be prevented by practising sun protection in early childhood and adolescence. This SunSmart Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff attending Horsham College are protected from over exposure to the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. This policy documents our sun protection practices in the area of behaviour, curriculum and environment. These practices will be applied to all school activities including sport carnivals, excursions, camps, outdoor classes and yard duty. It is to be implemented during Terms 1 and 4.

Objectives

The goals of the SunSmart Policy are to:

- increase student, staff and community awareness of skin cancer
- assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about skin protection.
- work toward a safe environment which provides shade for students and staff.
- encourage students, parents and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen during high risk times such as lunchtime, sport, excursions and camps.
- ensure that parents are informed of the school's SunSmart policy.

Implementation

1. Behaviour

All students and staff are expected to:

- wear sun protective hats during recess, lunchtime, sport, camps, excursions and other high risk activities.
- wear clothing with sleeves and collars that are made from closely woven fibre.
- apply at least SPF 15 broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen before outdoor activity, and re-apply every two hours.

2. School Organisation

School Uniform - a hat is included as part of the school dress code must be worn during Terms 1 and 4. The dress code encourages students to wear sunglasses.

Physical Education and Sport - all students are to be protected from the sun during outdoor physical education and sport by the maximum use of indoor facilities and shade, by the provision of sunscreen and by the use of a hat and appropriate clothing where suitable.

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Camps and Excursions - suitable hats, clothing and sunscreen should be required for all camps and excursions; with these items listed on the requirements for the activity.

Role Models - appropriate behaviour should be modelled by staff and parents to reinforce the policy.

Occupational Health and Safety - Consideration should be given to sun protection for all teachers involved in outdoor activities including yard duty. Physical education and sport education teachers should be encouraged to take appropriate sun protection measures.

3. Curriculum

- Sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs are to be incorporated into the appropriate Key Learning Areas of the school curriculum.
- Students are to be encouraged to be actively involved in initiatives to protect the school community from over-exposure to the sun.
- Sun protection is to be promoted throughout the year in the Newsletter, assemblies, daily bulletins, meetings and whole school activities.

4. Environment

- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff.
- Plan and budget for shade for high risk areas within the grounds.

5. Monitoring

This policy will be monitored by the Leadership Team who will ensure:

- All new staff have been briefed on the SunSmart Policy.
- The SunSmart Policy is included as an agenda item for the first staff meeting held in Terms 1 and 4.
- Sunscreen is available to students during outdoor activities.
- SunSmart practices are promoted regularly from September to May.

Attachment:

Horsham College Hat Procedure