



SunSmart Policy

Rationale:

Holy Spirit has a responsibility to ensure that all students and staff are protected from the sun whilst at school or involved in school activities. SunSmart will be a part of the normal curriculum at Holy Spirit and practices will reflect the aims expressed in this policy.

Aims of Policy:

- To ensure that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.
- To take a positive pro active approach to sun protection.
- To educate the students on the importance of and reasons for safe, SunSmart practices.

Related Policies:

Health and Physical Education Policy

Implementation:

The regulation school uniform and hat provides protection from the sun. All students are to wear the regulation Holy Spirit legionnaire or broad brimmed hat whenever they are outside e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions during Terms 1 and 4.

A no hat - no play rule applies for students in Terms 1 and 4. Students without appropriate head gear must sit quietly in the shade or play in the shade.

Students are encouraged to use the available shade areas for outdoor activities.

Students are encouraged to come to school wearing and/or bringing SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and to take responsibility for applying their sunscreen.

Outdoor activities are held in shaded areas and in the hall on very hot days whenever possible.

School assemblies are usually held indoors.

Staff and parents are asked to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours. Staff are required to wear appropriate sunhats when they are outside on supervision and teaching duties.

The School may provide sunscreen however students must apply it themselves.

Skin cancer prevention and lessons on SunSmart behaviours are included in the curriculum at all year levels, particularly during the Health & Physical Education units of work (refer to Health & PE and School Uniform Policy).

SunSmart behaviours are regularly addressed at school assemblies and through newsletters, excursions notices, student and teacher activities and parent meetings.



Evaluation:

The Leadership Team/Staff will review the effectiveness of this policy at the beginning of each year by:

- reviewing the SunSmart behaviours of students, parents and visitors and making recommendations for improvement
- assessing existing shade provision and usage to make appropriate recommendations for maintenance and improvement
- updating and promoting curriculum programs and materials relevant to SunSmart activities

The Policy will be evaluated and reviewed as part of the 4 year School Review cycle.

Date of last review: November 2016

Date for Review: 2019