



St Kevin's

Sunsmart 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 overexposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- Children will be required to wear school sun hats during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also hats when outside.
- Children without school hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Cancer Council Sunscreen is available for sale from the Office. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The Parents and Friends Association will ensure that school uniform hats are available for purchase from the uniform store/Office.
- 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.
- St Kevin's has gained accreditation as a Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

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References: Exec Memo No 99/039,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria ph: 9635 5148
Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - [http://
www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/4-5.pdf](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/4-5.pdf)