



SUNSMART POLICY

RATIONALE

In view of the fact that Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, St Mary's recognizes that it is necessary to implement a policy to endeavour to protect our school community from the adverse effects of cumulative exposure to the sun's rays.

POLICY STATEMENT

In the Sunsmart policy, St Mary's College, in collaboration with parents/care givers, is working towards the protection of our school community from the effects of ultraviolet radiation including heat stress.

VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

The Sunsmart Policy gives expression to the following values:

- caring from ourselves and others
- providing a service to the community
- encouraging a respect for ourselves and others
- developing a sense of community
- developing a sense of personal responsibility for your health and well-being

GUIDELINES

The policy seeks to:

- adhere to Workplace Health & Safety expectations
- provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection
- provide environments that support Sunsmart practices
- create an awareness of the need to reschedule work commitments and outdoor activities to support Sunsmart practices where practical
- seeks to follow Sunsafe legislation

PROCEDURES COMMUNITY

- seek ongoing support from parents/care givers and the school for the Sunsmart Policy and its implementation, through newsletters, St Mary's College websites etc.
- inform parents of the school's Sunsmart Policy when a student is enrolled
- include the Sunsmart Policy statement in the prospectus



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- expect all students and staff to wear hats that protect, use SPF 30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and wear Sunsmart clothing appropriate to the sport or extra-curricular activities.
- adequate shade and sunscreen at sporting carnivals and other outdoor events
- work towards, where possible increasing the amount of shade in the school grounds