



Sunsafe Policy

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Policy

Mary MacKillop College is committed to providing a safe and caring environment that fosters respect for self.

Rationale

Mary MacKillop College promotes and aims to assist all students and staff attending Mary MacKillop College to protect their skin from harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the school year with particular emphasis during Terms 1 and 4.

Expectations

Students and staff are expected to wear hats that provide adequate shade. Students and staff are encouraged to:

- wear clothing that is made from a closely woven fibre;
- apply SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen before all outdoor activity and re-apply every two hours;
- wear appropriate sunglasses to protect the eyes;
- use shady areas and indoor venues whenever possible.

Provisions

The College program and procedures will:

- Involve the students in a variety of learning activities to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills relevant to personal skin protection.
- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students, by planting trees and building shade structures.
- Encourage positive role modelling of SunSmart behaviour by all teachers and ancillary staff.
- Seek ongoing support from teachers and the community for the SunSmart Policy and its implementation.
- Ensure adequate protection for all staff and students involved in excursions and other outdoor activities requiring time in the sun.
- Encourage students to be actively involved in initiatives to protect the school population from excessive exposure to the sun.