



Marian Catholic College Kenthurst

SUN SAFETY POLICY

In this policy, the term “workers” refers to the NSW legislative meaning of “all persons on the Marian Catholic College site at any given time”.

Purpose:

This sun safe policy provides guidelines to:

- Ensure all students and workers are well protected from too much UV exposure by using a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.
- Heat stroke is considered as part of the sun safe policy.
- Ensure the outdoor environment is sun safe and provides shade for students and workers.
- Ensure all students and workers are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills.
- Support duty of care and regulatory requirements.
- Support appropriate WHS measures to minimise UV risk and Heat and associated harms to workers during peak times for sun related risks.

Procedures:

- A combination of sun protection measures are used for all outdoor activities during the sun protection times whenever the UV levels are 3 and above.
- A safe physical environment will be provided by;
 - a) A shade audit is conducted to determine the availability and quality of shade.
 - b) Management makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing outdoor shade.
 - c) The availability of shade is considered when planning outdoor activities and excursions.
 - d) Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
 - e) Students who do not have the appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to choose a shady space or a suitable area protected from the sun.
- Healthy social environment will be provided by;
 - a) Encourage suitable clothing to be worn when doing outdoor activities.
 - b) Suitable clothing is planned for when designing school uniforms.
 - c) All students are required to wear the appropriate College hat that protects their face, neck and ears.

- d) Students and workers may provide their own sun screen.
- e) Appropriate Sunscreen will be provided by the school at various points on the site for easy access for use and sun protection.
- f) Where practical, students and workers will be encouraged to use appropriate eye wear protection.

Consultation:

- Students and workers will be reminded of these procedures if the UV is likely to be 3 and above at any given time.
- Parents will be informed of the Marian Catholic College sun safe policy by means of Newsletters, School Stream, and the Marian Connect section on the school website.
- Parents will be informed of the brand and strength of the sunscreen used.
- Students and workers will be inducted on the school sun safe policy.
- Staff will be provided with training to enable them to work safely in the sun.
- Ensure that staff are aware of the necessity to be positive role models.
- Ensure staff are aware that they must adopt sun protection practices during all school activities on or off the school site.
- Workers will be required to sign off on the fact that they have read the sun safe policy and understood their responsibilities in protecting students from the effects of the sun.
- Ensure the school provides all students and workers with information regarding sun and heat protection by means of inductions, signs and daily announcements when weather becomes a risk.

Monitoring Policy:

Management will monitor and review the effectiveness of the sun safe policy and revise the policy when necessary.

Policy reviewed by principal annually.

Signature:



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