



Warracknabeal Secondary College

Sun Protection

Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents serious health risks. Students must be educated as to the need for suitable protection and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To increase student and community awareness of the benefits of sun exposure and the danger of over-exposure
- To assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision-making about sun protection.
- To provide a safe SunSmart school environment.
- To encourage students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats, glasses and sunscreen and carry drinking water during high risk times such as lunchtimes, sports, camps and excursions.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code (*see School Uniform Policy*).
- All students must wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats from September to the end of April.
- Students without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to designated shaded areas.
- Students will be actively encouraged to wear a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in appropriate classrooms and excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers.
- Outside activities will be altered on hot days to accommodate heat concerns
- The School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high-density areas such as eating spaces and passive leisure locations. Temporary shade structures will be erected at events such as swimming and athletics sports.
- The college will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the office and all students are provided with one hat free of charge.
- Sunscreen will be available on request.
- The college newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the Sun Protection policy. The policy will appear in each edition of the student handbook and on the website.
- 'SunSmart' activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year level.

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

Ratified by School Council

Date:

21/3/16

Signed:

Principal:

School Council President:



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Over exposure to the sun causes serious sunburn and skin damage which leads to an increased risk of skin cancer and serious long term health risks. Warracknabeal Secondary College recognises that it has a responsibility to ensure that all students must be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection and to be protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

This Sun Protection Policy seeks to:

- Provide a sun safe environment for all of our students and staff during times of high-level ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure. (ie: term one and term four)
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Provide a school environment that provides adequate shade for students, staff and the school community.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code (*refer: School Uniform Policy – wearing acceptable sun-smart hats outside during terms one and four*).
- All students and staff will wear sun-smart compliant hats outside during term one and term four. This includes:
 - Broad brimmed hats (brim at least 7.5cm)
 - Bucket or Surfie-style hats (brim at least 6cm)
- Students in breach of our Student Dress Code will face the same penalties as per other uniform violations. Without an appropriate pass, students will be given detention.
- Students will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in appropriate outdoor classes or excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of staff.
- School Council and the Student Representative Council will also investigate the use of close fitting UV protection wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses by both students and staff.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on **very hot days** should be scheduled before 11.00 am. (**Very hot days** are defined as days when the shade temperature is in excess of 37°C at 11:00am on that day.)
- The School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high-density areas such as eating spaces and passive leisure locations. Temporary shade structures will be erected at events such as swimming and athletics sports.
- The college will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from local suppliers.
- Sunscreen will be available on request.
- The College newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the SunSmart requirements. This policy will appear in each edition of the student diary.
- Our college will seek accreditation as a SunSmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.