

# Draft Sun Smart Policy



## RATIONALE

At Kingswood we are safe, friendly and organised by creating an enjoyable learning environment where students and staff can flourish and prosper.

A healthy balance of ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure is important for health. 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 over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

## AIMS

- To educate students about suitable Sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage students and teachers to maintain a healthy UV exposure balance.
- To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times.

## IMPLEMENTATION:

- Sunsmart runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April
- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- During the Sunsmart period students will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm brim).
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Students without an appropriate hat will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
- Students will be permitted to apply a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen provided by their parents.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school provides shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high-density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The school will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop.
- Compass, 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.

## REFERENCES

[SunSmart](#)  
[DET School Policy Advisory Guide](#)

## EVALUATION

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

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## Review

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