



SUNSMART POLICY

Introduction

Penola Catholic College is committed to providing staff and students with a healthy environment that expects the adoption of Sun Smart behaviours.

The importance of this policy is emphasized by the fact that Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, and more than 75 percent of all skin cancers could be prevented by practicing sun protection in early childhood and adolescence. (Anti Cancer Council, 2004)

Expectations of Staff

- Staff are encouraged to wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a broad brimmed hat or umbrella whenever they are outside in Terms 1 and 4, including yard duties and excursions. Hats will be provided to staff at their request. Should a hat be requested, one will be available from the Campus Office.
- Model Sun Smart behaviour by the wearing of a hat or the use of an umbrella and application of sunscreen when outdoors at all times.
- Promote students and the community to be involved in Sun Smart behaviours at all times when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4.

Expectations of Students

- In accordance with Penola Catholic College rules students are expected to wear the College hat when outside for any school related activity during Terms 1 and 4.
- Students are responsible for supplying, applying and reapplying sunscreen for all outdoor activities related to school life.
- Students are expected to wear the College hat in Terms 1 and 4 during all Physical Education classes. At all other times, including outdoor excursions students are encouraged to wear the College hat or sit in the shade.
- Students without a hat are encouraged to sit in a designated shaded area for the remainder of the time they are outside.

Expectations of Penola Catholic College and the wider Community

- Adequate and appropriate shade is supplied across both campuses.
- Additional sunscreen is made available for staff and student use across both campuses at designated areas. **On the Broadmeadows campus sunscreen is available for use from the Campus Office and the G Block staffroom. On the Glenroy campus sunscreen is available for use from the Front Office and the Sports Office.**

- Ensure that the uniform includes consideration of Sun Smart behaviours, e.g. the College hat.
- Notification home to parents/ guardians regarding upcoming outdoor activities and reiterating the college expectations regarding the Sun smart policy.