



Sun Protection Policy

Policy

St Patrick's College has a responsibility to ensure that sun protection is provided for students while they are on school premises during school hours and undertaking school activities and that students engage in sun smart behaviour.

This policy should be read in conjunction with current requirements.

Rationale

This policy aims to protect students, as far as reasonably practical, from the dangers of exposure to the sun. Queensland has a very high rate of skin cancer and research suggests at least two-thirds of melanomas could be prevented if children were protected from the sun during their first 15 years. St Patrick's College aims to develop sun smart behaviour in the students to reduce the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

Values

- Shared responsibility between schools and parents/carers
- Personal responsibility of students for own safety

Guidelines

The College will:

- Encourage and support students in implementation of sun-safety procedures
- Work towards a school environment that provides shade areas
- Require students to wear brimmed hats
- Provide sunscreen at sporting events
- Require students to wear sun-safe clothing at sporting events
- Consider holding sporting events at lower ultraviolet times
- Encourage staff to act as role models by wearing appropriate hats and clothing

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