

Sun Protection Policy

Policy Ref. #: 862-20140122

1. Purpose

This policy exists to ensure that a duty of care to both staff and students, in relation to protection from harmful UV rays, is adhered to.

2. Scope

Staff and students of Cornerstone Christian College.

3. Background

Negligence in this area may constitute a breach of a school's duty of care. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer in later life. As students are at school during times when UV radiation levels are highest, schools play a major role in creating a supportive environment that minimizes exposure and encourages sun protective behaviours.

4. Definitions

The following definitions will be found within this policy document:

"College": Cornerstone Christian College Ltd

"SunSmart Hat™": either; a) broad-brimmed hat – min. 7.5cm brim, b) legionnaire cap, or c) bucket hat – min. 6cm brim, deep crown.

5. Legislation and other internal policy documents

Duty of Care Policy

Excursions, Incursions and Camps Policy [854]

Uniform Policy

Occupational Health & Safety Policy [505]

6. Policy

The policy of the College is to;

- 1. Ensure that students and staff are adequately protected from the sun during school activities.*
- 2. Educate students and staff that sun protection is a lifestyle choice and how they can protect themselves from Australia's harsh climate.*
- 3. Continually evaluate how the college evaluates its responses to sun protection and remain at the forefront of educating our staff and students of the risks.*

7. Procedure

1. HATS

- a. During Terms 1 and 4, students will be required to wear the school hat at any time when they are outdoors or not covered by adequate shade protection. Staff will be required to wear a SunSmart™ hat.
- b. During Terms 2 and 3, staff and students will be encouraged to wear the school hat at any time when they are outdoors or not covered by adequate shade protection. Staff will be encouraged to wear a SunSmart™ hat.

2. SUNSCREEN

- a. A broad-spectrum, water-resistant SPF30+ sunscreen will be provided in a central location for staff and students to apply to exposed skin surfaces
- b. Staff and students will be encouraged to apply sunscreen prior to outdoor activities.

3. CLOTHING

- a. Staff will be encouraged to wear; shirts with collar and sleeves, closely woven fabric, natural fibres and rash vests or shirts when swimming.
- b. Students will be required to wear the college uniform.
- c. When students are not required to wear the college uniform (ie. excursions, sports carnivals etc) they are encouraged to wear; a wide-brimmed or bucket hat, shirts with collar and sleeves, closely woven fabric, natural fibres and rash vests or shirts when swimming.

4. EDUCATION

- a. Staff will be reminded via training days prior to students commencing Term(s) 4 and 1 regarding their obligations to;
 - i. Model protective behaviours including paragraphs 7 (1),(2) & (3)
 - ii. Encourage students to apply sunscreen and protect themselves from the sun and exposure to UV rays.
 - iii. Prohibit students from exposing themselves to UV rays in an unsafe manner
- b. Students will be taught sun protection during Health and/or Physical Education classes

5. SHADE

- a. Where possible the college will endeavour to provide and maintain access to shaded areas throughout the campus.

8. Approved by

This policy has been approved by the Principal, Mr Bruce Douglas, on the 22 January, 2014 and will be reviewed within twelve (12) months of this date.

9. Review Schedule

DATE	REVIEW/ADJUSTMENT	APPROVED BY
4/5/2015	Remove "Register, and maintain registration, as a SunSmart School" as a policy statement	Bruce Douglas