



SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE

SUNSMART POLICY

Rationale: Sun exposure can have harmful effects on health, which may only become apparent many years later. The hazard needs to be minimised where possible and the school community made aware of it.

Policy Statement: The college will provide means of reducing sun exposure where feasible and will work to educate staff and students in the need for protection from the harmful effects of sun exposure, with the aim of developing an individual sense of responsibility for one's health in this regard.

Guidelines:

1. Staff and students will be made aware of the danger of sun exposure through a variety of means, including the display of posters, discussions in appropriate programmes such as Health Education, and regular reminders by supervising staff. The First Aid Officer will source appropriate information, resources and guidance from a variety of sources and relevant organisations such as the Cancer Society.
2. Staff will be encouraged to model safe sunsmart behaviour, such as wearing hats and applying sunscreen.
3. Individuals will be expected to provide their own sunscreen in the usual course of a school day. The college will provide sunscreen through the Deans and Sick Bay for use when needed. Sunscreen will be available at special events such as athletics and swimming sports and on school trips.
4. The college will promote and emphasise the sunsmart message at special events such as athletics and swimming sports, and will take steps to minimise exposure, such as by providing shade areas.
5. The college will provide attractive areas of shade around the school, and encourage students to use them.

Approval:

When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it could be made, except with the majority approval of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 March 2014

Signed on behalf of, and with the authority of the Board

_____ on _____ (Date)
Board Chairperson

Due for Review: March 2017

Reviewed Date: _____ Signed for B.O.T. _____