



SUNSMART POLICY

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the SunSmart Policy is to ensure that all students attending our College are protected from the harmful effects of the sun throughout the year. Our College recognises that winter sun also contributes to skin damage. The implementation of this policy will therefore be conducted throughout the entire school year.

OUR COMMITMENT

Redeemer Lutheran College, Biloela will:

- Inform parents of the SunSmart Policy when they enrol their child.
- Include the SunSmart Policy statement in the College prospectus.
- Increase the amount of shade in the College grounds, where possible, by building shelters and planting trees.
- Incorporate education programs that focus on the effects of sun damage, sun protection, skin cancer and within the College's curriculum.
- Encourage all teachers and staff to act as positive role models for students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour.
- Seek ongoing support from parents and the College community for the SunSmart Policy and its implementation, through newsletters, parent meetings etc.
- Encourage all students and staff to wear hats that protect the face, neck and ears, and encourage the use of broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen when involved in outdoor activities.
- Outdoor activities should be minimised between 10am – 3pm, where possible.
- Direct students without adequate sun protection to use shaded or covered areas at morning tea and go to the library or Banksia Place at lunch time.
- The College dress code will conform to the Cancer Council Queensland SunSmart clothing guidelines.
- Endeavour to provide adequate shade at sporting carnivals and other outdoor events.
- Have SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen available in every classroom and encourage children to apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going outdoors.
- Where practical, children are encouraged to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standards.
- Review the SunSmart Policy every second year.

EXPECTATIONS

Parents/carers will be encouraged to:

- Provide the uniform compulsory, SunSmart, broad-brimmed uniform hat or bucket hat for their child and ensure that they wear it to and from school.
- Apply broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to their children twenty (20) minutes before going outdoors.
- Ensure that their children's clothing provides adequate protection from UVR. The Cancer Council Queensland recommends clothing that has the following features:
 - ✓ dark-coloured
 - ✓ collars and sleeves
 - ✓ closely woven fabric
 - ✓ natural fibre
- Act as positive role models by practising SunSmart behaviour.
- Support the College's SunSmart policy and help to design and regularly update the policy.

Students will be encouraged to:

- Be aware of the College's SunSmart Policy.
- Take responsibility for their own health and safety by being SunSmart.
- Comply with SunSmart rules and guidelines by wearing suitable hats, clothing, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Apply broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen twenty (20) minutes before going outdoors.
- Use shaded or covered areas, wherever possible, when outdoors. Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour.
- Help to design and regularly update the SunSmart Policy.
- Participate in SunSmart education programs.

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