



St Columba's School Bayswater

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Sun Protection Policy

VISION STATEMENT

St Columba's Primary School aims to foster the total development of each individual, within a loving community, that is totally committed to supporting the Catholic faith, principles and ideals within the framework of the Mercy Values.

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This policy had been adopted to ensure that all staff and students attending St Columba's School are protected from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun. The policy is to be implemented throughout the year and applied to all school activities, sport carnivals and camps. The following recommendations and expectations are in accordance with The Cancer Council of Western Australia guidelines. Please note due to some staff members and students having allergies and sensitive skin, the application of sunscreen cannot be made compulsory. Staff, as adults, can make their own decision about applying sunscreen when outdoors during school days. Students will be encouraged to apply sunscreen but it will not be mandatory.

Our Commitment

St Columba's School will:

- Inform parents of the sun protection policy when they enrol their child.
- Brief all new staff.
- Promote sun protection, wherever possible.
- Require staff to wear sun protective hats for all outdoor activities, including duties.
- Require students to wear sun protective hats when outside.
- Require students to wear hats for all camps, sport carnivals and excursions.
- No hat no play. Direct students without a hat to stay in an area that is protected from the sun.
- Ensure there is shade within the school grounds for students and staff by planting trees and building shade structures.
- Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sport carnivals and outdoor events.
- Ensure each classroom has a tub of Sunscreen SPF 30+ broad spectrum.
- Encourage the use, by students, of SPF 30+ broad spectrum (minimum), water resistant sunscreen.
- Encourage the use, by staff, of SPF 30+ broad spectrum (minimum), water resistant sunscreen.
- Remind students to put their hats on and encourage/remind them to apply their own sunscreen when they go outdoors in the sun.

- Not permit Staff members to apply sunscreen on any student (Code of Conduct Policy).
- Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer awareness into appropriate learning areas, where possible.

Our Expectations

Parents/Carers will:

- Ensure their child has the required compulsory school hat.
- Encourage their child to apply SPF 30+ broad spectrum (minimum), long lasting, water resistant sunscreen before leaving for school.
- Support the school's Sun Protection Policy.
- Encourage their child to wear their hat to and from school if walking.

Students will:

- Be made aware of the school's Sun Protection Policy.
- Be encouraged to take responsibility for their health by being Sun Smart.
- Comply with Sun Smart and School rules by wearing the school hat.
- Apply SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen when encouraged (not compulsory).
- Use shaded areas outdoors.

Please refer to the Extreme Weather Policy in conjunction with this policy.

