

Sun Protection Policy

Policy Audience: Parents, Staff and Students



1.0 Rationale

The purpose of the Sun Protection Policy is to provide guidelines to ensure that all students and staff are actively protecting themselves from the sun, to minimise UV risk and support duty of care requirements/sun protection.

2.0 School Policy

Kilvington Grammar School (KGS) is committed to providing a safe working environment for all our students, workers and visitors.

It is our policy to:

- Increase student and community awareness about skin cancer and sun protection.
- Encourage and require the entire School community to use a combination of sun protection measures.
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the School community.
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Ensure that families and new staff are informed of this Policy.
- Support student duty of care requirements.
- Support appropriate workplace safety strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors.

3.0 Procedures

Wearing of Hats:

- In the Junior School, KGS hats are compulsory in PE, Sport, outdoor excursions and camps, and at recess and lunchtime whenever students are outside during Term 1 through to 1 May and 15 September to the end of the year.

Junior School students who do not have an appropriate hat are required to stay in a designated 'No Hat, No Play' area outside.

- In Years 7-12, Kilvington hats are compulsory in PE and Sport, including House competition events (Swimming and Athletics), at recess, lunchtime and on outdoor excursions and camps whenever they are outside during Term 1 through to 1 May and 15 September to the end of the year.
- When students are participating in outdoor sport, the wearing of hats is compulsory unless an exemption is given for sports such as football.
- Staff are expected to wear a hat whenever they are outside during Term 1 through to 1 May and then 15 September to the end of the year, including teaching, yard duty and on camps and excursions.

Sunscreen

- Students and staff are also actively encouraged and expected to apply sunscreen for all outside activities. Time will be allocated for sunscreen application prior to outdoor activities. Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors, e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, and sunscreen buddies.

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- In addition, the School supplies SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and student use. Sunscreen is stored at the School Nurse's Office.

Shade

- Students and staff are encouraged to seek shade when outdoors where appropriate.

Sunglasses

- Staff are encouraged to wear sunglasses when outside in Terms 1 and 4.
- The Sun Protection Policy is regularly promoted throughout the School.

Role Modelling

Staff are required to act as role models by using a combination of sun protection measures such as sun protective clothing and hats, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Families and visitors are also encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures (sun protective clothing and hats, sunglasses and sunscreen) when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

4.0 Implementation

KGS is committed to the continuous review and improvement of all its operations, including this Policy.

It is the responsibility of the Heads of School to regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Sun Protection Policy to ensure it is working in practice and revise this Policy when required.

5.0 Policy last reviewed May 2020

Review Cycle 5 years