



# Policy

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## SunSmart

### Policy

St Francis Xavier's School promotes personal responsibility and provides an environment that supports sun smart practices. The purpose of this SunSmart policy is to educate our students and minimise exposure to the harmful effects of the sun throughout the year.

### Gospel Values

Care, Community, Dignity, Justice, Respect, Responsibility

### Procedures

#### The school will:

- Inform parents of the SunSmart policy when they enrol their child (refer to parent information handbook).
- Encourage all staff to act as positive role models for children in all aspects of sun smart behaviour.
- Seek ongoing support from parents and the school community for the SunSmart policy and its implementation.
- Ensure children are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Communicate with the Cancer Council to ensure that this policy complies with sun smart guidelines.
- Ensure adequate shade and SPF 50+ broad-spectrum sunscreen is provided at outdoor school events.
- Ensure clothing expectations and requirements meet Cancer Council's sun smart guidelines.
- Support appropriate WHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for educators, staff and visitors.

#### Teachers will:

- Ensure all students and staff wear hats that protect the face, neck and ears.
- Implement the 'no hat, no play' policy.

#### Parents/carers will:

- Provide a sun smart school hat for their child and ensure they wear it to and from school. The Cancer Council Queensland recommends hats with a 7.5cm brim, legionnaire-style or bucket hats (minimum 6cm brim).
- Act as positive role models by practising sun smart behaviour.
- Support the school's SunSmart policy and help to design and regularly update the policy.

#### Students will:

- Be aware of the school's SunSmart policy.
- Take responsibility for their own health and safety by being SunSmart.
- Comply with SunSmart rules and guidelines by wearing suitable hats and sunscreen.
- Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of sun smart behaviour.

## Enquiries

Classroom Teachers, Leadership Team

## See also (Related Policies and Guidelines)

[Queensland SunSmart Policy](#)

[National SunSmart Program Cancer Council Queensland](#)

[Sun protection strategy for schools Queensland Government](#)

[CES Policy - Excursion & Camps](#)