

Policy M302

Sun Safety

Preamble

The purpose of this Sun Safety Policy is to outline the Sun Safety requirements in accordance with the Diocesan Occupational Health and Safety Policy (1999); the Workplace Health and Safety Act (1995); Workplace Health and Safety Regulations (1997) and the Workplace Health and Safety (Miscellaneous) Regulations (1995).

Rationale

St Mary's School considers Sun Safety an important element in the life of the school community. All children, staff and visitors have a responsibility to adhere to the relevant Sun Safety guidelines, outlined in this policy.

Values

The Christian values of care, responsibility, discipline and learning will be reflected in the provision of a sun safe environment for all members of our school community.

Policy

St Mary's School is committed to implementing strategies to educate children about the dangers of prolonged exposure to sunlight.

Implementation Issues

- Class activities will be developed to educate children about the dangers of prolonged exposure to sunlight.
- Every child shall wear a school hat in the playground. (No school hat – No play)
- Provide adequate sheltered/shaded areas.
- Sunscreen readily available for children.
- Where feasible outdoor activities should be structured to times when the least exposure is possible.
- Staff and volunteers should wear a suitable broad brimmed hat while on playground duty, sporting activities or working in unshaded areas.
- Parents are reminded of the need to be good role models for their children.
- Tree planting for provision of shade will be encouraged.

Refer to Appendix A – Sun Smart Policy

Reflection Material

“Sun Safety Guidelines for Queensland School and Committees.” Queensland Government.
“Work Place Health and Safety” 1995 Qld Cancer Fund Sun Smart Guidelines Diocesan Sun Safe Policy.