


Plenty Valley Christian College 	Title: Sun Smart Policy - Primary	
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1. The College policy will follow the Cancer Council of Victoria’s Primary school sun protection policy template.

To ensure a healthy balance between too much and too little UV is maintained, sun protection is used from the beginning of September until the end of April and whenever the UV Index level reaches 3 and above.

From May until August, sun protection is not used unless the UV Index level reaches 3 and above.

2. College policy objectives are:

- a. An increase in awareness amongst primary staff and students of skin damage caused by exposure to UV radiation.
- b. To work towards a safer environment.
- c. To ensure families and staff work together on protection from UV radiation.

3. Implementation:

- a. The policy will be phased in over 2009 and be fully operational as from 2010.
- b. The strategies for protection from UV radiation will include:
 - i. Clothing standards and requirements.
 - ii. Sunscreen requirements.
 - iii. Events scheduling.
 - iv. Role modeling.
 - v. Shade.
 - vi. Curriculum.
 - vii. Professional development for staff.

4. College strategies:

- a. Clothing:
 - i. The Primary school has a “no hat no play” policy for terms 1 and 4, and this will apply to sport and outdoor activities as well.
- b. Sunscreen:
 - i. In terms 1 and 4, SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be a compulsory item for discretionary use by students undertaking College events in direct sunlight, subject to no issues of allergic

- reactions. Events include camps and excursions, PE and Sport, and leisure activities.
- ii. At the discretion of staff in charge, SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be provided for students by the College. At their discretion, staff will have the right to insist that students use the sunscreen in order to participate in the College events conducted in direct sunlight.
- c. Events schedules:
- i. At forecast or actual temperatures $>35^{\circ}\text{C}$, staff have the responsibility to consider rescheduling or relocating an event involving direct exposure to sunlight during terms 1 and 4.
 - ii. Where possible, events involving exposure to direct sunlight will be scheduled for early morning or late afternoon.
- d. Role modeling:
- i. Adults (staff and parents) will be encouraged to act as role models in the application of the above sections (a, b, and c).
 - ii. The policy will apply to casual or occupiers (visitors and staff) access to the property. Staff on outside duties in terms 1 and 4 must model the sun smart behaviors' listed above.
- e. Shade:
- i. The College will periodically review the means of providing further shade for primary students as part of its capital works priorities. This will include the consideration of temporary and permanent all-weather structures.
- f. Curriculum:
- i. The principles and need for protection from UV radiation will be incorporated in the PE and Sports curriculum.
 - ii. Sun protective behaviors' will be reinforced across the board in College assemblies, formal documentation and newsletters.
- g. Professional development of staff:
- i. Sun protection will be included in the OH&S induction for all staff.
 - ii. Sun protection information will be included in the staff handbook.
 - iii. This policy will be provided to staff and will remain accessible alongside other College policies.

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