

# ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE SUN PROTECTION POLICY



APPLICABLE TO	Staff, students and parents
DOCUMENT OWNER	Principal
APPROVAL DATE	18 December 2017
APPROVED BY	Management Committee
SCHOOL ACTIONS	School Policy – Staff, students and parents are to ensure practices are consistent with this policy.
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RELATED DOCUMENTS	St Bede's WHS Policy 2017

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect students and staff as much as possible from the harmful effects of the sun. Over exposure to the sun may present a serious health risk and as such reasonable measures will be put into place to protect students and staff. Students and staff will be educated on the harmful effects of the sun and the need for suitable sun protection.

## AIMS

- To increase student and staff awareness of skin damage and cancer.
- To develop student and staff behaviours which reflect responsible decision-making about sun protection.
- To provide a safe College environment.
- To have students and staff wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen during high-risk times such as lunch times, sports, camps and excursions.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

All students will be encouraged to take measures to minimise the risks of the harmful UV effects of the sun, particularly in the warmer months. Staff are encouraged to act as role models by the wearing of hats in the warmer months when outside. Students will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen.

Consideration will be given during the warmer months of the scheduling of outside activities. The College will provide adequate shade structures for students when practicable; particularly over high-density areas such as eating spaces and passive leisure locations. The College will ensure that school hats are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Personal Development Health and Physical Education curriculum.

St Bede's will enforce the rule "no hat, play in the shade" with all students. Students are to wear the school hat at meal breaks, PE practical or sport sessions and whenever outdoors. Students are also encouraged to apply sunscreen.