Sun Safe Policy

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The School has a duty of care to all students and staff that adequate forms of sun protection be implemented. Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School recognizes that the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause skin cancer. To help prevent the development of skin cancer, students shall receive instruction, encouragement and environmental support to avoid overexposure to the sun when they are outdoors.

2.0 POLICY CONTENT

2.1 Hats and Protective Clothing

All staff and students are expected to wear a hat when outdoors. For students: No hat, no play from Preschool to Year 6 and from Year 7 to Year 12 students are to wear their hats at all times outside of a classroom.

This infers the need to wear a hat on the School grounds before and after school, at recess, at lunchtime, during school activities, at scheduled outdoor lessons and special calendar events, such as athletics carnivals and excursions, etc.

Staff and students may wear a wide-brimmed hat, legionnaire’s cap or a broad-brimmed floppy hat and are encouraged to wear wrap-around UV protection sunglasses to Australian Standard 1067.

Staff and students are encouraged to apply an appropriate SPF 30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen, reapplied every two (2) hours. They are also encouraged to apply an SPF 30+ lip balm. The School will supply the sunscreen; however, staff and students allergic to sunscreen will have to supply their own.

2.2 Outdoor Activities

From October to April outdoor activities should be minimised and only essential activities should be carried out, especially between 11am and 3pm. If outdoor activities must happen, then staff must ensure students wear a hat and encourage them to use sunscreen, lip balm and sunglasses. Staff are also to ensure students have access to ample water, especially if outside for an extended period of time. Any student without a hat is not permitted to engage in outdoor activities.

At other times of the year, outdoor activities are not restricted; however, sun-safe measures must still be followed.

2.3 Shade

The School provides shade areas for use by students and staff should encourage students to use these if they do not have a hat.

The Mahers Lane campus has an internal sports area for staff and student use, particularly on very hot days. The Sunshine Avenue campus has a large undercover area which can be used for similar purposes.
2.4 Instruction

Teachers shall provide education at each grade level, Preschool through Yr 12, which relates to skin cancer, including information about the harmful effects of UV rays and recommended practices for preventing skin cancer.

2.5 Parent Communication

The School shall inform parents and guardians about the importance of, and strategies for, preventing skin cancer, and that the risk of developing skin cancer is highest for individuals with lightly or moderately pigmented skin. The communication shall include, but shall not be limited to, details of the School policy relating to hats, sun-protective clothing, sunscreen usage, uniforms and sunglasses. The School shall also urge families to reinforce sun-safe behaviour outside the school and to support the School’s sun safety programs.

2.6 Personnel

All employees shall be reminded periodically about skin cancer’s impact and prevention, including sun protection methods. Employees shall be strongly encouraged to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun and to model sun-safe behaviour for students.

2.7 Evaluation

The School shall evaluate and revise its sun-safety program, and address identified shade or other sun-safety needs, annually.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

This Policy will be reviewed periodically, or in the event of any information or incident that indicates the need for a review, or following relevant legislative or organisational change.

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