

# CROYDON PUBLIC SCHOOL



## POLICY - SUN PROTECTION

### Rationale

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with 140,000 new cases and 1,000 deaths recorded each year. There are a number of factors often occurring simultaneously such as the level of ultraviolet light in Australia, the predominate fair-skin of the population, social values that support suntans, and lifestyles that expose people to long periods of sun which contribute to these statistics.

Croydon Public School can help reduce the incidences of skin cancer by encouraging members of the school community to take effective skin-protection measures.

### Guidelines

1. Students must wear a hat/cap for outdoor activities during recess, lunch or sport. The use of sun protection cream is also recommended. Students not complying must remain in a sheltered area.
2. Parents are requested to supply a school hat/cap and sunscreen for their child to use at school
3. The school will provide adequate sun shelter in the grounds for students and staff
4. Outdoor activities will be held in the shade where possible.
5. Staff will be encouraged to act as models by practicing Sunsmart behaviour: wearing protective hats for outdoor activities, using sun screen and seeking shade where possible.
6. The school will reinforce the Sunsmart policy in a positive way through newsletters, assemblies, and teaching activities.

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