

Tallangatta Secondary College Policy Manual	SUNSMART POLICY	Council Meeting: March 2018
Information: 0260715000 Manager: Assistant Principal	Related Policies: School Uniform Policy	Reviewed: Every three years

Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Overexposure to UV radiation can cause:

- premature ageing
- sunburn
- skin damage
- eye damage
- skin cancer

Students must be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection and be protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To increase student and community awareness of skin cancer.
- To assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision-making about sun protection.
- To provide a safe school environment.
- To encourage students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen during high risk times such as lunch times, sports, camps and excursions.

Implementation:

- All students will be required to wear the Cancer Council of Victoria approved close-weave broad brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- School uniform includes a shirt / dress that covers the shoulders well and a collar that sits close to the neck, above the collar bone.
- Students without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to designated areas.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Students will be actively encouraged to wear a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) on excursions, camps and sport carnivals.
- The school council has provided adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density areas such as eating spaces and passive leisure locations.

Temporary shade structures will be erected as events such as swimming and athletic sports.

- The school will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the College office.
- Sunscreen will appear on student booklists.
- The school newsletter, Compass newsfeed and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the Sunsmart policy. The policy will appear in each edition of the student planner.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Sun protection information will be provided in the Staff Handbook and will be reviewed annually.
- The Sunsmart Policy will be made available to the OH& S Committee for input every three years.

REVIEW: This policy will be updated every three years