



SUN SAFE POLICY

Purpose:	The purpose of this Policy is to protect all staff, students, contracted services, parents, families and volunteers of Ormiston College from the harmful effects of UV exposure.		
Scope:	This Policy applies to all staff, students, families, volunteers, visitors and contractors whilst on the premises and/or involved in off-campus activities e.g. excursions, sport.		
References and Legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cancer Council Queensland Sun Protection Guidelines</i>		
Ormiston College Related Documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform and Presentation (Student Handbook)• Staff Dress Policy		
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POLICY STATEMENT

Ormiston College is committed to ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all individuals while at work. This Policy has been developed to ensure that all children and staff are protected from damaging levels of ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Staff will act as role models and are required to adopt protective measures as put in place by this policy.

The goals of the Policy is to:

- Maintain a safe environment for students and staff in the school.
- Assist students to become responsible for their own sun protection.
- Increase student and community awareness about skin cancer and sun protection.
- Encourage the school community to use a combination of sun protection measures all-year round.
- Ensure that families and new staff are informed of the College's Policy.

RATIONALE

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Skin cancers account for 80 per cent of all new cancers diagnosed each year in Australia, making it by far the most common type of cancer diagnosed.

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Research shows severe sunburn contributes to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as sunspots, blemishes and premature ageing. Most skin damage and skin cancer is preventable.

Research on children's ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure has shown that exposure is generally higher on weekdays than during the weekend. While physical education and athletics are beneficial and recommended for overall good health, they are also associated with high UV radiation exposure. Given students and staff are in the College during peak UV times, Ormiston College plays a major role in providing an environment where policies and procedures can positively influence long-term SunSmart behaviour.

SUN PROTECTION STRATEGIES

The College endeavours to provide many quality structures and areas with trees to ensure there is sufficient shade throughout the campus.

Hats

All students at Ormiston College are required to wear the College dress hat to and from the College.

During any outside play or activity including physical education, the students are required to wear the College play hat from Prep to Year 2. Students in Year 3 and above can wear the College cap.

If a student does not have a play hat/cap, then they are required to sit in the shade for any outside activity.

Sunscreen

Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen for any extended outdoor activity where students will be exposed to the sun.

The College provides sunscreen for students at events such as athletics carnivals and outdoor swimming carnivals.

Sun Shirts

Students participating in outdoor swimming or water-based activities as part of their PE curriculum are required to wear the Ormiston College rash shirt.

Schedules

Where practicable and appropriate, activities, events and training sessions are scheduled within the Somerset Sports Centre, other undercover venues or shaded areas to provide protection from the sun.

Staff

All staff are to set a positive sun safe example and wear an Ormiston College Staff Hat for any outdoor activity. Teaching staff are to promote a sun safe College by enforcing the Sun Safe Policy.

LINKS

Cancer Council Queensland Sun Protection Guidelines

<https://cancerqld.org.au/cancer-prevention/sun-protection/>