



**Morialta
Secondary
College**

Sun Protection Policy



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Purpose

All department school sites must have a sun protection policy in effect for school terms 1 and 4 and whenever ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above. Sites must inform the school community including employees, students, parents and volunteers of the sun protection policy. Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Morialta Secondary College's policy aligns with the Department for Education sun protection in schools policy.

Using sun protection

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off-site **during terms 1 and 4** including:

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/dress code and sports uniform. A hat is a compulsory part of the HPE uniform, and it is expected that students will wear a hat when outdoors in terms 1 and 4 in HPE classes.

Students must provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Additionally, the school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students' use during HPE lessons, outdoor excursions and at student services during regular school time.

Students will be encouraged to apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if remaining outdoors. Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors and buddies). Families with children who have naturally very dark skin are encouraged to discuss their vitamin D requirements with their GP or pediatrician.

Hats

When outdoors in Terms 1, 3 and 4, all students and staff are encouraged to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside. Students are encouraged to wear either the school cap or bucket hat when outdoors in lesson times and during break times.

Shade

Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible. Sports days and other outdoor events to be held during term two or earlier in the day where practical. Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

Curriculum

Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum. Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school intranet and class hubs, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities. Connect classes may draw on relevant resources including: [Secondary school resources | Cancer Council](#)

The information has been extracted from the [Cancer Council SA SunSmart policy](#)

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