

The aims of the KMS Sun Smart Policy are to promote among students, staff and parents:

- positive attitudes toward skin cancer prevention.
- personal responsibility and lifestyle practices to help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths in Australia.

Sunscreen

- All care groups will be supplied with a 1 litre tub at the beginning of term four each year, in addition to current policy for excursions/PE/Ag/Outdoor Ed. If student are unable to use supplied sunscreen then families will need to supply wearable brand.
- Strategies are enacted to remind students apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies).
- Sunscreen is applied before going outdoors for PE/AG and other outdoor activities in terms 1, 4 & extreme days.
- With parental consent, students with naturally very dark skin are not required to wear sunscreen to help with vitamin D requirements.
- Families are encouraged to apply sunscreen before students come to school.

Student Clothing

- The wearing of singlets except when necessary in terms of sporting activities i.e. athletic, singlets basketball singlets is discouraged.
- Where singlets have to be worn extra care is taken by staff to ensure that all students have adequate supplies of sunscreen and that this is applied in the appropriate way.
- All students are to wear a shirt for swimming lessons.

Hats

- The approved school bucket hat/broad brimmed hat is the only hat that can be worn when the sun smart policy is enacted.
- All KMS students in terms 1 & 4 and on designated extreme sun days are required to wear the school approved hat whilst sitting/playing in direct sunlight.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats are directed to play/move into the shade or suitable area protected from the sun.
- Extreme sun days are decided by WHS officer who directs daily operations AP to call a day of extreme sun thus hat policy comes into action.
- All KMS staff in terms 1 & 4 and on other extreme days are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears eg legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whilst outside.

The School's Role

- Teachers are encouraged to maximise the use of rooms with air-conditioning on hot days.
- In addition, outdoor activities on very hot days should be, when possible, appropriately modified so that they occur before 10.00 am and after 2.00 pm.(11.00 am and 3.00 pm daylight saving time.).
- During outdoor carnivals eg sports day, interschool competitions, excursions etc., students and staff should be encouraged to adequately protect themselves from the sun. Students should be provided with shade protection at outside events at school in terms 1/4 where possible and practical.
- Information regarding protective clothing and the use of sunscreen should be included on consent forms for excursions.
- The School's Grounds Committee should continue to provide adequate shade by planting appropriate trees and/or provide shelters.
- The School needs to determine whether new students have above average sensitivity to sunlight exposure and this information needs to be passed on to the relevant teachers.
- The School will incorporate in the school curriculum appropriate educational programs which focuses on skin cancer protection.

The Staff Role

- Staff will act as positive role models by wearing appropriate hats when outdoors Terms 1 & 4, using SPF15+ sunscreen.
- Staff will use discretion in scheduling outdoor activities.
- Adults working at school will be encouraged to wear appropriate hats when in direct sunlight.