

Ultra Violet Radiation Policy

Current research suggests that Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world caused by exposure to ultra Violent Radiation. Long term exposure to UV radiation can cause damage to the cornea of the eye and cataracts. All people are at risk of developing skin cancer or eye problems from UV if adequate protection is not worn.

Those particularly affected are:

- Students
- Grounds maintenance staff
- PE staff
- Agricultural Education staff
- Outdoor Education Staff
- Staff Supervising students during outdoor activities
- Staff on Duty

As a result of the dangers associated with long term exposure to UV radiation and current Occupational Health & Welfare Legislation all schools are required to have in place a UV protection policy and supporting procedures.

It is therefore, the policy of St. George College that UV protection appropriate to the circumstances must be worn or used by all who are engaged in outdoor activities particularly during terms 1 and 4.

This form of protection will include the following:

- Hats.
- Sunglasses.
- Lip cream.
- 15+ sunscreen.
- Natural and artificial shade.

As we believe that UV protection is in no way different from any other protective equipment used e.g. safety glasses in the Technical Studies Area, all parents are reminded that their children are to be in possession an appropriate St. George College hat that can be worn during all outdoor activities. Each class will have a bottle of 15+ sunscreen that all children are expected to apply before participating in any outdoor activity.

In the interest of student safety, please note that if students do not wear a hat during outdoor activities they will not be allowed to participate.

Where ever possible, outdoor work and programmes will be rescheduled to times of the day when the UV radiation is less intense. UV is most intense between the hours of 10.00am & 2.00pm (or 11.00am – 3.00pm during day light savings).