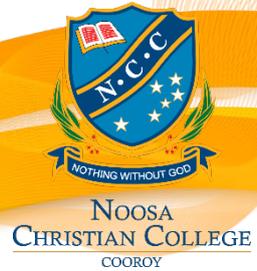


SUN SAFETY POLICY



PURPOSE

To provide a guideline, and to identify three areas of the school setting that need to be included in a whole school approach to sun safety. These are:

- 1) Policies and Procedures
- 2) Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- 3) School Community Engagement

AIM

Teachers will provide an effective and comprehensive sun safety strategy for students, which addresses a range of activities, and minimises the risks associated with ultraviolet radiation exposure. This includes the provision and utilisation of shade, appropriate uniforms, wearing of hats and sunscreen, timetabling considerations and educational programs.

OBJECTIVES

1. Policies & Procedures

- To provide educational programs on sun safety and preventative measures for all students and staff.
- To include the Sun Safe Policy in Student and Staff Handbooks and on the College website.
- To consult the College community throughout the development of Sun Safety plans, development and implementation and review. Seek and encourage input and feedback.
- To consult the College community on specific issues such as changes to uniform, hat, sunscreen, and/or sunglasses requirements.
- To clearly communicate the Sun Safe Policy to the College community in media, print and on display, such as posters in every classroom.
- To consider sun protection when determining or reviewing school uniform designs.
- To include the strategy in the induction processes for new staff and students.
- To develop strategies for non-compliance.

2. Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

- To provide educational programs on sun safety and preventive measures for students which are developmentally appropriate and sequential across all year levels.
- To ensure sun safety is a core component of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.
- To provide flexible planning of activities to reduce, as far as practicable, time spent by students in the sun between 10 am and 2 pm. i.e. reschedule or relocate outdoor activities between 10 am and 2 pm.
- To ensure students wear protective clothing, including appropriate hats, when in the sun during the school day, except where the wearing of hats may pose a risk to students' safety due to reduced visibility or interfering with activity skills.
- To ensure all students wear sports shirts ('rashies') during all water-based activities.
- To provide an SPF 30+ or higher broad-spectrum water-based sunscreen or equivalent natural sunscreen product for students, to use on uncovered areas of the skin for all outdoor activities.
- To maximise the use of available shade for outdoor activities, and participate in shade tree planting.
- To engage service providers for staff professional development in sun safety.
- To provide and increase the use of portable shade structures for use by students, staff and spectators, where practicable at events.
- To develop knowledge, skills attitudes and values to make informed choices around sun safety.
- To incorporate personal sun safety strategies into classroom practice e.g. staff should allow approximately 20 minutes before outdoor exposure for application of sunscreen prior to outdoor activities. Staff should direct students to wear appropriate hats and follow the "no hat, no outside play" policy, and to utilise shaded areas when participating in outdoor activities. Staff are to adopt sun safety strategies themselves, as part of their daily behaviour, for example, on ground duty or supervising sport.

3. School Community Engagement

- To promote the importance of sun protection to parents, teachers, ancillary staff and voluntary helpers, and how to be a good role model for students.
- Actively encourage parents/carers to comply with the Sun Safety Policy when visiting the College or College events.
- To regularly communicate the commitment to sun safety and any changes to existing sun safety practices, both to parents, staff and students through school newsletters, posters, Facebook, parent meetings and school assemblies.
- Consider sun safety in relation to Parent & Friends' Association projects and activities.