POLICY: SUNSMART

1. STATEMENT OF BELIEF:
Drouin Secondary College believes that for the future health and well-being of all members of the College community, a ‘SunSmart’ Policy will be implemented to protect them from over-exposure to the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. This policy documents the College’s sun protection practices in the areas of behaviour, curriculum, environment and College organisation.

2. OBJECTIVES:
2.1 The objectives of the SunSmart Policy are to:
   2.1.1 Increase student and community awareness of skin cancer.
   2.1.2 Assist students to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about skin protection.
   2.1.3 Work towards a safe College environment which provides adequate shade for students and staff.
   2.1.4 Encourage students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen during high risk times such as lunchtimes, sports, excursions and camps.
   2.1.5 Ensure that parents are informed of the College’s SunSmart Policy

3. IMPLEMENTATION:
The SunSmart Policy is to be implemented throughout and during Term 1 and Term 4.

3.1 Behaviour:
All students and staff are encouraged to:
   3.1.1 Wear sun protective hats that shade the face, neck and ears during recess, lunchtime and during sporting and other high risk activities.
   3.1.2 Wear clothing with sleeves and collars that are made from a closely woven fibre.
   3.1.3 Apply at least SPF 30 broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen on exposed skin before all outdoor activity and re-apply every two hours or at appropriate intervals.
   3.1.4 Wear protective sunglasses when outside the College buildings.

3.2 Curriculum:
   3.2.1 Incorporating sun protection and skin cancer programs into the appropriate Key Learning Areas of the College curriculum.
   3.2.2 Encourage students to be actively involved in initiatives to protect the College community from over-exposure to the sun.
   3.2.3 Promote sun protection throughout the year via the College newsletter, assemblies, daily messages, parent and staff meetings and whole College activities.

3.3 Environment:
   3.3.1 Ensure that there is adequate provision of shade within the College grounds for students and staff.
   3.3.2 Open some rooms on very hot days for student use at lunchtimes.
   3.3.3 Where possible schedule sports carnivals to minimise dangerous UV period.
   3.3.4 Plan and budget for shade in high risk areas.

3.4 College Organisation:
   3.4.1 COLLEGE UNIFORM – include a SunSmart hat as part of the College uniform. These hats will be recommended and encouraged to be worn during recess, lunchtime, sport/PE and on external excursions/camps etc.
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3.4.2 ASSEMBLIES – to be held indoors. Where an assembly is to be held outdoors, such a gathering will be held early morning or in shade where possible.

3.4.3 PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT EDUCATION – All students to be protected from the sun, as much as practical, during outdoor physical education and sport classes. Maximise the use of indoor and shade facilities. Consideration will be given to scheduling lessons outside of the high-risk UV times.

3.4.4 CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS – Suitable hats, clothing and sunscreen should be recommended and encouraged for all camps and excursions. These items should be listed on the parent permission form.

3.4.5 COLLEGE BAND - The College Band should be protected from the sun when they are performing out of doors. Suitable hats, clothing, sunscreen or shelter should be organised prior to the Band performing.

3.4.6 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - The SunSmart Policy will be included in the ‘Staff Information File’ and staff will be briefed about their role in implementing this policy.

3.4.7 COLLEGE HANDBOOK - The SunSmart Policy will be included in the College Handbook.

3.4.8 ADULT ROLE MODELS - Staff and parents are encouraged to model appropriate behaviour to reinforce this policy. All staff will be provided with a hat or umbrella for use outside.

3.4.9 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY – Consideration will be given to sun protection for all teachers involved in outdoor activities including yard duty. Physical Education and Sport Education teachers should be encouraged to take appropriate sun protection measures as they are particularly at risk from UV radiation.

3.4.10 SUNSCREEN – All Staffroom blocks, LCC Office 7, 8&9, 10/11/12, Canteen and the PE areas will be fitted with sunscreen dispensers. Sunscreen is available for sale at the College Canteen. Sunscreen to be included on the College booklist. The College believes that it is a primary responsibility of parents to provide sunscreen for their children and to encourage its use.

3.4.11 COLLEGE NURSE – The College Nurse will have a leading role in the promotion and implementation of the College’s SunSmart Policy.

4 EVALUATION:
The College Administration in collaboration with the Staff, College Nurse, Parents and Student Representative Council will review the effectiveness of this policy each year. They will:

4.1 Review the SunSmart behaviour of students, staff, parents and guests visiting the College.
4.2 Assess the provision and use of shade in the College.
4.3 Check plans for future buildings and grounds with regards to shade provision.
4.4 Evaluate and update the SunSmart protection and skin cancer prevention component of the curriculum (in collaboration with the Health and Physical Education staff).

This policy will be reviewed by the Education Policy Committee as part of the school’s four-year cycle.