SunSmart Policy

St Augustine’s is a SunSmart school

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with two out of three Australians developing some form of skin cancer in their lifetime. Over exposure to the sun in childhood and adolescence is known to be a cause of skin cancer. Our policy is designed to minimize the dangers of overexposure to UV radiation and to promote a healthier school environment.

Our policy has been developed to:
- Ensure all students and staff maintain a healthy UV exposure balance
- Encourage the use a combination of sun protection measures
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection

In Terms 1 and 4 the following sun protection measures are used for outdoor activities

Shade
- Students are encouraged to play in shady areas and to engage in passive activities
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions or outdoor activities
- On days of extreme heat students will remain indoors

Hats
- Students are required to wear school hats that are designed to protect their face, neck and ears
- Students who not have a hat are restricted to playing in the shade structure near the top paddock

Sunscreen
- Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before coming to school and also have the opportunity to re-apply throughout the day
- Students are reminded to apply sunscreen before going outdoors

In support of our SunSmart Policy, lunchtime at St Augustine’s is at 11am – 12pm when UV levels are lower.

This policy applies to all school events – on and off site.