

## **SUNSMART POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to encourage behaviours at Mount Waverley Secondary College to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

This policy provides guidelines to:

- support staff and students to use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally mid-August end of April)
- ensure that there are outdoor environments that provide adequate shade for students and staff
- ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them to be responsible for their own protection

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• where students congregate for lunch



Students at our school are encouraged to make healthy choices and are supported to understand the benefits and risks of sun exposure. Mount Waverley Secondary College will address sun and UV safety education as part of Health and PE lessons in Years 7 to 9.

Staff are encouraged to access resources, tools, and professional learning to enhance their knowledge and capacity to promote sun smart behaviour across the school community.

SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through college newsletters, school assemblies and at student enrolment/new staff orientation.

## **COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our college
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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- o Sun and UV Protection Policy
- o Duty of care
- SunSmart
- Achievement Program

This policy was last updated in June 2022 and is scheduled for review in June 2026.