



## MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*"Because I have seen the Lord"*

# Skin Protection Policy

## Rationale

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At Magdalene we recognise that Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. It is important to protect and educate young people in skin safety and protection.

## Guidelines

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1. Students are to be made aware of the damage continued or prolonged exposure to ultra-violet rays from the sun may cause.
2. The school hat is to be promoted as an integral part of the school uniform.
3. All students, when outdoors, are encouraged to wear a hat.
4. In terms 1 and 4, during recess and lunch breaks, students without hats must remain under a sheltered area.
5. In terms 2 and 3 students may sit outside during recess and lunch without a hat.
6. During sport and PE practical lessons, all students are expected to wear a hat whenever they are outside for lessons during the school year
7. Teachers need to role model the wearing of hats when outdoors.
8. Sun cream is available to staff and students and all are encouraged to wear sun protection when outdoors.

## Basis of Discretion

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The Principal reserves the right at all times to review current practices and recommend changes that are appropriate and in the best interest of the school or individual students.

## Supporting Documents

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Cancer Council of NSW.  
<http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/sunsmart>

## Evaluation

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The policy will be reviewed in 2015.