



## SUN PROTECTION POLICY

### Purpose

This policy aims to provide a co-ordinated response to maximise awareness of, and participation in sun protective behaviours in order to minimise sun-exposure related adverse health outcomes.

### Scope

The scope of this policy covers all members of the Damascus College community.

### Definitions

**SunSmart** is a multi-faceted program funded by the Cancer Council of Victoria and VicHealth providing leadership and innovation in ultraviolet radiation (UV) protection.

**UV Index levels;** The World Health Organisation's Global Solar UV Index measures levels of UV radiation on a scale from 0 (Low) to 11+ (Extreme). SunSmart recommends the use of sun protection whenever the UV levels are 3 (Moderate) or higher.

### Policy Statement

Guided by the SunSmart program, Damascus College will develop and maintain effective sun protection practices to maximise and increase student and staff awareness of sun protective behaviours. The school community will be encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.

The College will provide regular opportunities to the College community to receive education about the safe and responsible practice of sun protection.

The College community will promote and model sun protection measures.

The College shall ensure adequate sun protective measures and the provision of shaded areas on campus and during off campus activities and events.

Shade provision shall be included in the planning of future buildings and grounds work.

### Responsibilities

The Principal and the Leadership Team have overall authority for the implementation of this policy.

### Legislative Context

Occupational Health & Safety Workcover Legislation

### Associated Documents

SunSmart program; [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)