



4. Definitions

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| UV index | A unitless number that describes the amount of solar UVR that reaches the earth's surface. The higher the UV index, the more solar UVR present and the greater the potential for skin and eye damage. UV is divided into low (1-2), moderate (3-5), high (6-7), very high (8-10) and extreme (11 and above). Sun protection is required when the UV is above 3. |
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5. Policy statement

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world.¹ Despite being an almost entirely preventable disease, at least two in every three Australians will develop skin cancer before they reach the age of 70.² Evidence suggests that childhood exposure to ultra violet (UV) radiation contributes significantly to the development of skin cancer in later life. Educating school children and reducing their UV exposure is expected to have a major impact on the future incidence of skin cancer in Australia.³

Sun protection education

The School employs

Community

- x The School promotes sun protection strategies to the broader school community through the communication of regular sun protection messages in media such as newsletters, Communiqué or on our website.
- x Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures when participating in and attending outdoor activities.
- x Sun Protection Policy updates and requirements will be made available to staff, families and visitors.

Protection strategies

Staff and students are encouraged to check and record the sun protection times on a daily basis at

<http://www.cancertas.org.au/>, <http://www.bom.gov.au/tas/uv/>, [http://www.m CC,u0.002 Tcfn2 Tw 1.547 0 Tm2 \(r\)7 \(at\)1s704 Tw 12 n](http://www.m CC,u0.002 Tcfn2 Tw 1.547 0 Tm2 (r)7 (at)1s704 Tw 12 n)

ph: (03) 6779 1107

w: www.cancertas.org.au/prevent-cancer/sunsmart

8. Policy owner

Principal

9. Version Control

| Version Number | Author | Purpose/Change | Date |
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| 5.0 | Policy & Compliance Manager | 2021 update; minor textual revisions, review of external documentation. Removed definition 'worker', | 1/2/2021 |
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