Rationale
This policy serves to highlight the importance of sun protection and awareness of skin cancer, in particular the provision of ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for skin cancer prevention and early detection. The policy serves as an instrument against which the school’s practices, procedures and Sun Smart environment are measured.

Values
The values espoused in this policy acknowledge us as God’s creation and our responsibility to preserve and protect life.

- Respect for life
- Caring for God’s creation
- Supportive of others

Policy Statement
In a spirit of co-operation, community education, understanding and communication the community strives to develop an environment that promotes SunSmart practices.

Consequences
- respect given to the rights of the individual to be safe in the sun
- appropriate curriculum development is implemented in line with Queensland Schools’ Curriculum Council guidelines for syllabus
- community consultation in the development of guidelines and their implementation
- relevant legislation concerning sun safety practices be monitored
- consideration given to the items attached in the Appendix

Associated Documents
1. Sun Smart Guidelines

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Sun Smart Guidelines

- inform parents of the SunSmart policy when they enrol their child
- include the SunSmart policy statement in the parent handbook
- maintain adequate shade within the school grounds
- incorporate education programs that focus on skin cancer prevention into the school curriculum
- encourage staff and parents to act as positive role models for children in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour
- education and opportunities for further development of procedures concerning SunSmart issues be communicated through the school’s communication network eg. newsletters, website, P & F and School Board meetings
- staff and students observe safety through the wearing of hats when involved in outdoor activity
- encourage the application of sun screen prior to outdoor activities
- staff will direct children without appropriate school hat or sun safety clothing to remain in shaded areas
- review school uniform policy with regards to Queensland Cancer Fund SunSmart Clothing Guidelines
- encourage the use of SunSmart swimsuits for school use
- enforce the use of swim shirts (ie. rash shirts) by all students in swimming season
- ensure that wherever practicable outdoor activities take place before 10am or after 2pm Australian Eastern Standard Time
- ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and other outdoor events
- the promotion of adequate water intake
- review SunSmart policy in line with Self Renewing Catholic Schools guidelines
- ensure that students wear SunSmart clothing on Free Dress Days – wide brimmed hats, closed shoes, shirts with sleeves