



SOPHIA
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Steiner Education and IB World School

Sun Protection Policy

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1. Policy scope

This policy will apply whenever the sun's UV levels reach three or higher. Whenever this occurs a combination of sun protection measures are to be used for all outdoor activities.

In Victoria UV levels are usually three or higher from mid-August to the end of April. Active outdoor play is encouraged throughout the day all year, provided appropriate sun protection measures are used when necessary.

2. Policy objectives

This policy was written with consideration of Victoria's SunSmart Program. These objectives are covered in detail in Sophia Mundi's Sun protection Management Procedures. The objectives of this sun protection policy are to:

- increase student and whole-school awareness of skin cancer and other damage caused by exposure to UV radiation
- work towards a safe school environment that provides shade and other sun protective measures for the entire school community
- encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above
- ensure that families and new staff members are informed of the school's sun protection policy.

3. Policy Statement

Sophia mundi is committed to:

- promoting sun protection strategies for children, families, staff and visitors to minimise the harmful effects of over exposure to the sun's UV radiation
- ensuring that curriculum planning will minimise over exposure to the sun's UV radiation and also promote an awareness of sun protection and sun safe strategies
- providing information to children, staff, volunteers, parents/guardians and others at the service about the harmful effects of exposure to the sun's UV radiation. Information about the daily sun protection times is available in the weather section of the daily newspaper, on the SunSmart website at:

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>, at, <https://www.myuv.com.au/> as a free SunSmart app.

4. Policy requirements

Sophia Mundi employees, students, visitors, volunteers and contractors are required to act in accordance with relevant legislation:

- *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007.*
- *Child wellbeing and safety act 2005 (Vic) (Part 2: Principles for children)*

5. Policies and procedures to be read in conjunction with this policy

- *Sophia Mundi Duty of Care policy and management procedures*
- *Sophia Mundi Extreme weather policy and management procedures*