KING’S BAPTIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL

WORK HEALTH & SAFETY ACT POLICY 7- U.V. PROTECTION.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in Australia, affecting all age groups. The principal cause is ultraviolet radiation which is particularly intense in our summer sunshine. Exposure to these rays can lead to sunburn in the short term and to solar kurtosis and skin cancer as a result of long-term exposure.

Early detection and treatment will cure the majority of skin cancers but to reduce the risk of developing the condition the following policy and procedures have been adopted by all at KING’S BAPTIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

POLICY:

It is the policy of KING’S BAPTIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL that exposure to the harmful UV rays from the sun shall, as far as is reasonably practicable, be eliminated or reduced by:

- Providing information about the risks associated with exposure to the UV radiation that comes from the sun
- Reorganizing the activities to times that less likely result in exposure to harmful radiation.
- Providing appropriate shade or indoor facilities of permanent or temporary nature.

Where exposure to UV radiation cannot be eliminated or reduced to acceptable levels, King’s Baptist Grammar School will ensure that:

- Personal protective equipment will be provided to control the risks associated with exposure to the UV radiation that comes from the sun.

PROCEDURES:

1. The Principal will ensure that information re the dangers of exposure to U.V. radiation and information about how to self screen is displayed prominently and brought to the attention of staff.
2. The WH&S Committee, in consultation with all employees affected, will review the activities undertaken outdoors at peak U.V. times of the day to determine whether the activities can be rescheduled or whether natural or artificial shade can be provided.
3. All employees who undertake activities at times when there is an identified risk will attempt to reschedule the time or the place for the activity so as to eliminate the risk or reduce it to an acceptable level.
4. With regards to reimbursement, where it is reasonable to assume that employees already provide themselves with hats, sunglasses, umbrellas, long sleeve shirts, long trousers and lip cream to protect themselves from UV radiation from the sun, then employees will be required to use these.
5. Where the risks cannot be eliminated or reduced all employees shall apply 30 plus sunscreen and lip cream before commencing the activities and wear a hat, sun-glasses and appropriate clothing while engaged in the activities. (If possible, sunscreen should be applied 15 minutes before exposure to the sun's rays.)
6. The First Aid Coordinator will ensure that sunscreen is available in the Purchasing Office, Student Services, Junior Primary, Grounds Shed & the Gym decided by the Work Health and Safety Committee.

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Signed

Principal .............................................. Date ........../....../......
Chairman WH&S committee ................................................. Date ........../....../......

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