

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College

HAT POLICY



Rationale:

Schools are required by law to take all reasonable steps to protect students from risk of foreseeable injury lest they be seen to be breaching their duty of care.

If schools fail to enforce sun protection policies, they may be liable to litigation for negligence in years to come. Wearing of broad brimmed hats is part of the SunSmart program. Skin Cancer is almost totally preventable through simple, inexpensive sun protection methods.

This policy is complementary to the SunSmart Policy and should also be read in conjunction with the Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To encourage all students to wear the appropriate school uniform in particular **the school issued broad brimmed Hat** during Terms 1 and 4 whilst outside at breaks and during Sport, Phys Ed classes and whilst on excursions, where appropriate.

Implementation:

Staff Support is required in the following manner:

- Act as an appropriate role model by wearing hats whenever they are outdoors.
- Enforce the consequences of breaches of this policy.

During Terms 1 & 4

- Students are to wear their hats whenever they are outdoors.
- Year 7 Students are issued with a DMSC broad-brimmed hat at the start of the school year. These should be named immediately.

Recess /Lunchtimes

- All students who are outdoors, even when in the shade, must wear their hat during recess and lunchtimes.

Phys Ed or Sports Classes

Students who fail to wear an appropriate hat will participate in a theory activity on a SunSmart topic.

Camps & Excursions

Where relevant and appropriate, students will not be permitted to board the school bus without a DMSC hat.

Evaluation:

This policy was last ratified by School Council in **May 2023 and will be reviewed in May 2026.**