Rationale
This policy aims to ensure that all students and staff at Nagle College are protected from over-exposure to the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. The importance of this policy is emphasised by the fact that Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. The Cancer Council estimates that 80% of newly diagnosed cancers are skin cancers and that 2 out of 3 Australians are likely to develop some form of skin cancer in their lifetime. The Cancer Council research also suggests that rates of skin cancer in adulthood can be greatly reduced by practising sun protection in early childhood and adolescence.

Scripture
“Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.”
Psalm 119:66

Vision
Nagle College is a dynamic, hope-filled community, pursuing personal excellence and self-discovery through education for all students in a nurturing Catholic community in the Salesian tradition.

Mission
As a pastoral community, Nagle College aims to build positive relationships based on mutual respect and trust. We value nurture and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual’s gifts and talents. We recognise families as primary educators of our students and will communicate and collaborate with parents for the optimum development of their children.

Policy Statement
At Nagle College:
1. Awareness of information about skin cancer and protective practices is an essential element of promoting sunsmart behaviour. (Terms 1 and 4 are the high risk times of year for UV exposure.)
2. Students and staff should be assisted to develop strategies which encourage responsible decision-making about sun protection at all times of the year.
3. The school environment should aim to provide sufficient shade for staff and students.
4. All members of the College Community are encouraged to follow sunsmart guidelines during Terms 1 and 4.

Guidelines
1. Staff and students are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing during recess, lunch time and sporting and other high risk outdoor activities throughout the year.
2. College regulations provide that in Terms 1 and 4 students wear a hat (the approved Nagle College hat) during recess, lunch time and sporting and other high risk outdoor activities. Staff are also encouraged to wear a hat during these times.
3. In Terms 1 and 4 staff and students are encouraged to apply at least SPF 30 broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen prior to all outdoor activities and re-apply every two hours.
4. The College will plan to include adequate provision of shade within the school grounds and during sporting activities for students and staff.
5. The College will aim to incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programmes into the appropriate key learning areas of the school curriculum.
6. The College will promote sun protection throughout the year through mediums such as the College newsletter, assemblies, daily messages, parent and staff meetings and whole school activities.

References