**Policy M302  Sun Safety**

**Preamble**

The purpose of this Sun Safety Policy is to outline the Sun Safety requirements in accordance with the Diocesan Occupational Health and Safety Policy (1999); the Workplace Health and Safety Act (1995); Workplace Health and Safety Regulations (1997) and the Workplace Health and Safety (Miscellaneous) Regulations (1995).

**Rationale**

St Mary’s School considers Sun Safety an important element in the life of the school community. All children, staff and visitors have a responsibility to adhere to the relevant Sun Safety guidelines, outlined in this policy.

**Values**

The Christian values of care, responsibility, discipline and learning will be reflected in the provision of a sun safe environment for all members of our school community.

**Policy**

St Mary’s School is committed to implementing strategies to educate children about the dangers of prolonged exposure to sunlight.

**Implementation Issues**

- Class activities will be developed to educate children about the dangers of prolonged exposure to sunlight.
- Every child shall wear a school hat in the playground. (No school hat – No play)
- Provide adequate sheltered/shaded areas.
- Sunscreen readily available for children.
- Where feasible outdoor activities should be structured to times when the least exposure is possible.
- Staff and volunteers should wear a suitable broad brimmed hat while on playground duty, sporting activities or working in unshaded areas.
- Parents are reminded of the need to be good role models for their children.
- Tree planting for provision of shade will be encouraged.

Refer to Appendix A – Sun Smart Policy

**Reflection Material**


“Work Place Health and Safety” 1995 Qld Cancer Fund Sun Smart Guidelines Diocesan Sun Safe Policy.