Excessive exposure to the sun skin and eyes, and an increased risk of skin cancer.

can cause health problems including sunburn, damage to

UV radiation:

- cannot be seen or felt
- can be reflected off surfaces such as buildings, asphalt, concrete, water, sand and snow
- can pass through douds
- varies in intensity throughout the year (higher in Victoria from mid-August end of April)
- peaks during school hours

Sun safety is a shared responsibility and staff, parents and students are encouraged to implement a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above (typically from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria). Information about the daily local sun protection times is available via the free SunSmart app, or at sunsmart.com.au or bom.gov.au.

The purpose of this policy is to encourage behavioural patterns at Etham High School that help minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

This policy provides guidelines to:

- support staff and students to use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally mid-August end of April),
- ensure that there are outdoor environments that provide adequate shade for students and staff,
- ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills that help them to be responsible for their own pr be

further shading installed as appropriate. The same applies to new building projects a revision of the level of shading will be considered during the course of the building projects.

Etham High School does not have a uniform. The school s Dress Code policy outlines expectations for students for appropriate dothing for a school environment. The specific aspects of this policy that relate to sun protection relate to the guidelines outlining that brief clothing is not appropriate for school this includes singlets, short skirts and shorts and exposed mid-rifs. The policy can be accessed at Dress Code policy.

In Sport and PE classes students are expected to wear the school's sports uniform (Year 7) or change into appropriate sporting wear for classes. Teachers will remind students about the importance of being SunSmart, including encouraging students to wear hats.

As we are a seondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being SunSmart by wearing a harts a

The School Council has responsibility for the establishment, evaluation and review of school policies. The School Principal has the responsibility to ensure that school policies are implemented effectively.

As this is a Department of Education policy, minor changes to the policy (changes that will not affect the spirit of the policy) may be made at the discretion of the Principal.

The Policy Review and Evaluation process will recommend any major changes to the policy to School Council.

- T Policy Advisory Library:
  - o <u>Sun and UV Protection Policy</u>
- o <u>Duty of care</u>
- <u>SunSmart</u>

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Etham High School policies Dress Code - <u>https://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au/documents/Information%20and%20Help/Policies/policieslist.php</u>

This policy should be reviewed every 3 years.

Date Endorsed: 01/09/21

Etham High School Council CONSULTATION PROCESS AND WORKING PARTY INFORMATION:

