



AL-AMEEN COLLEGE SUNSMART POLICY

1. PURPOSE

The Cancer Council of Western Australia recommends that for schools to fulfil duty of care obligations, each school should have a SunSmart policy for students and staff. Al-Ameen College (formerly known as Langford Islamic College), takes duty of care for all students and staff very seriously. Accordingly, the College responds to all elements of foreseeable risk and takes reasonable steps to ensure that students and staff do not risk injury and that the health and safety of students and staff is not put at risk. The College's SunSmart policy has been developed to minimise the dangers of excessive UV radiation exposure for students and staff and to ensure a safe environment for teaching and learning. The purpose of the policy is also to incorporate SunSmart education into the appropriate key learning areas of the school curriculum, including programs for skin cancer prevention and healthy UV exposure levels. In addition, the policy has been developed to encourage SunSmart behaviours and to regularly promote SunSmart practices to the whole College community through student and teacher activities, at staff meetings, school assemblies and via the College's newsletters.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all students and staff at Al-Ameen College and is to be implemented by all staff throughout the year, in particular, from the beginning of September through to the end of May. The SunSmart practices outlined in the 'SunSmart Procedures' will be applied to all school outdoor activities, including recess, lunch, physical education periods, outdoor classes, sports carnivals, excursions and camps.

3. POLICY

Due to Australia's high skin cancer rate, SunSmart practices such as 'Slip, Slop, Slap' (Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat) and 'No Hat, No Play', were introduced. This policy has been developed to ensure such SunSmart practices occur and to:

- Ensure the entire school community uses a combination of SunSmart measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above. In particular, there is to be no outdoor play for students and no outdoor duty for staff without a hat.
- Provide a safe school environment and ensure there are adequate shaded areas for students, staff and the school community.
- Educate and assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Ensure that new staff are informed of the school's SunSmart policy and all staff are regularly briefed and trained on health and safety issues like sun exposure.
- Encourage safe UV exposure at all times throughout the year and that particular care is taken between 10:00am and 3:00pm when UV levels reach their peak during the day.
- Ensure that this policy is considered when planning all outdoor events e.g. assemblies, outdoor activities, camps, excursions and sporting events.
- Ensure that the procedures for implementing the SunSmart policy are adhered to by all staff at all times. Inform all staff that negligence will constitute a breach of the College's duty of care and therefore, will result in a warning being issued.
- Communicate with parents/carers and reach agreement about their respective responsibilities.

4. REFERENCES

<http://www.des.wa.gov.au/schooleducation/nongovernmentschools/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.ais.wa.edu.au/>

AISWA Policy Guidelines

5. REVIEW HISTORY

Year of Review	Reviewed By	Amendments/Review
2012	YI	Originally Released
2014	PR	Revised
2020	NM	Revised and Amended
2021	NM	Revised and Amended