



Maroon Outdoor Education Centre Sun Protection Strategy

POLICY

The Maroon Outdoor Education Centre is committed to:

- 1) Promoting sound sun protection practices, and
- 2) Encouraging students and staff whilst visiting the Centre to adopt these practices;

STRATEGY

1) Written correspondence to visiting schools

That such material contain an emphasis on those visiting the Centre to bring appropriate protective clothing, cream (SPF 15 – 30) and drinking water containers.

2) School Visits

That when speaking to staff and students during pre-camp visits, the outdoor nature of programs and the resulting need to be appropriately protected during extended periods of exposure to the sun be emphasised.

3) Centre staff

Actively support appropriate sun protective practices by consciously being suitable role models at all times.

4) Pre-activity briefs

That the need to be suitably attired for protection against exposure to the sun be stressed. That the necessity to have access to, and consume fluids on a regular basis be emphasised.

5) Programming

That realistically minimising the amount of time spent in the sun particularly during the recognised danger periods, be a consideration in programming.

6) Education

That suitable posters or similar material promoting sun safety be prominently displayed around the Centre. That staff continue to monitor first aid procedures in preventing and treating sun related illness.

MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

In enacting the Maroon Outdoor Education Centre Strategy staff are encouraged to adopt management procedures that are consistently fair and equitable for all individuals across all groups:

➤ Individual's failure to bring personal sun safety equipment;

The centre will make available a small number of hats; sun protection creams and water containers for casual borrowing by individuals.

➤ Large numbers of individuals within groups fail to bring adequate sun safety equipment;

Program options will be reviewed and changes implemented which minimise / reduce the exposure of groups to the harmful effects of the sun.

➤ Sun safety behaviours are identified as on-going safety issue.

Problem solving strategies will be introduced to each group with clear directions regarding consequences of failure to address required safety behaviours.

➤ Climatic conditions are such that complete protection from sun is identified as the preferred course of action.

All program staff will implement sun safety strategies to minimise exposure.