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STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN – UV MONITORING AT PMACS

Given the Perth climate and the risks associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light, being aware of the importance of sun safety and how to protect ourselves from the sun is very important. We are pleased to announce our School is participating in a new initiative, supported by the Cancer Council, which aims to improve our awareness of the UV Index and the level of protection that is required on any given day.

‘MyUV’ aims to provide knowledge about the current UV Index in our area to enable us to make the most of each day whilst also protecting ourselves from the sun. Peter Moyes ACS is one of 4 locations in Western Australia at which a UV meter has been installed and which provide current UV Index readings for that location.

A digital display, located just outside the Primary School on the Southern steps, gives instant readings of the current UV Index and enables staff and students to know the required level of protection at any given time in the day.

In addition, the ‘MyUV’ website http://stage.birdbrain.io/myuv/902/ provides up to the minute readings for specific locations, including Mindarie, in a graph format. Information regarding sun safe practices and the appropriate levels of sun protection needed is also available.

It is hoped that students, parents and staff will be active in using this website and the specific UV Index data in order to increase our awareness of the UV Index and also to ensure adequate sun protection is used whilst at School.