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Uniform cover up

THE Cancer Council is urging parents to consider buying uniforms with inbuilt ultra-violet protection factor of 50+ when they start shopping for the new school year.

A range of clothes has been endorsed by SunSmart as providing adequate sun cover. They will have a tag showing the item's UPF rating. A UPF rating provides information on how much UV radiation will pass through the unstretched, dry material.

“Parents should take care to protect their children while they are outdoors and that includes school,” Cancer Council CEO Professor Ian Olver said.