



SUNSAFE POLICY (NAG 5)

RATIONALE:

With the increase in UV light in NZ and the increased awareness of the possibility of harmful effects of the sun, it is imperative that the school ensures protection from the sun during school activities.

PURPOSE:

To ensure the school provides guidelines for protecting staff and students in regards to sun exposure, with particular focus on Terms 1 & 4, when UVR levels are at their highest.

Procedural Guidelines:

1. Sun protection is incorporated into educational programmes and prevention measures in the Health programme of the school.
2. Regular reminders of the need to wear broad brimmed hats and SPF 30+ sunscreen during school activities, both in and out of the school grounds, are given in the newsletter.
3. All staff act as role models by :
 - Wearing appropriate hats and clothing for all outdoor activities
 - Using sunscreen for skin protection
 - Seeking shade for any outdoors activities where possible
4. The school maintains a planting programme to provide shade areas.
5. Positive reinforcement is provided for students wearing hats and sunscreen.
6. Outdoor activities are reduced during summer between 10.00am and 4.00pm daily.
7. The board reviews the school environment to ensure adequate shade areas are available in the school and that budget provision is made for relocatable and fixed sunshade areas.
8. Children will be provided with sun hats to borrow if needed
9. Sunscreen (SPF30) will be made available to students at school outdoor events and activities.

Principal _____

Chairperson _____

Date: _____