

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NAG 5 - HEALTH & SAFETY
SUNSAFE

RATIONALE:

New Zealand students face high risks of sunburn and related conditions during the summer months. In order to reduce these risks, students will be required to protect themselves from the sun during terms 1 and 4.

GUIDELINES:

1. Regulation sun hat (wide brim or bucket style, no baseball caps) must be worn when children are outside during summer in Terms 1 and 4.
2. Children without sun hats will be restricted to shade areas.
3. SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen will be provided in each classroom. The P.T.F.A. support this. Children who are allergic need to supply own.
4. Teachers will provide sun awareness education for children.
5. All staff, students and families will be informed of the policy.
6. The use of sun-protective clothing is encouraged (eg collars and sleeves, no singlets).
7. Staff will be encouraged to role model sunsmart behaviours and sun safety will be included on the curriculum each year.
8. Outdoor physical education programmes will try to avoid high risk/high UVI times and minimise outdoor activities/camps, excursions where practical between 11am and 4pm.
9. The school will continue to work towards providing shade area – through tree planting and shade cloth.

CONCLUSION:

Children will be at less risk of sunburn and melanoma.

The school will endeavour to educate and minimise the risk of sunburn and melanoma.

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Signed _____ Board Chairperson

Date: _____