

POLICY ON SUN SAFETY

RATIONALE:

As New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of melanoma in the world, we must recognise the place schools play in educating children, parents, and staff about the harmful effects of over exposure to the sun.

PURPOSE:

1. To limit the children's exposure to the sun.
2. To increase student and community awareness of melanoma and practical ways of skin protection.
3. To develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about skin protection.
4. To work towards a safe school environment, which provides shade for students and staff.
5. To encourage students and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sun screen.

GUIDELINES:

Behaviour

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP!

1. Encourage children and staff to wear a hat that provides good protection for all outdoor activities.
2. Encourage children and staff to wear clothing, which protects skin from the sun.
3. Encourage children and staff to apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen before going out in the sun.
4. Encourage children and staff to stay in the shade whenever possible.
5. Have available a pump container of sunscreen in each classroom for those who wish to use it.

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6. The Board of Trustees to provide adequate shade for all persons on school property during school hours.
7. Staff and School Community will support the "No Hat No Play" philosophy during recreational breaks, specifically after 11.00 a.m.

CONCLUSION

A Sun Safety programme will make children and staff aware of the necessity for sun protection.

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