

SUN SMART POLICY

Rationale

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New Zealand has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Research has shown that prolonged exposure to the sun can cause melanomas and that children are particularly vulnerable to harmful rays.

Purpose

To the best of the Board's ability, protect children, staff and adults from the harmful effects of the sun.


Delegations

The Principal will:

1. Inform the school community of the dangers in harmful ultra-violet rays
2. Provide a safer environment for staff and students
3. Encourage sun safe practices

Policy Guidelines

1. In terms one and four in particular:
 - Students will be required to wear hats for outdoor activities (e.g. interval, lunch, sport, excursions and activities)
 - Students will be encouraged to wear sunscreen
 - Students will be encouraged to seek shade for any outdoor activities where possible
2. Broad-brimmed hats are to be provided by the school.
3. Children may bring hats from home to wear with the approval from the principal.
4. In terms one and four sunscreen is available in each classroom, after school care and the office and it is taken on school excursions. Parents of children with allergies to the school sunscreen must provide their own.
5. Classroom teachers are to remind children before break times to reapply sunscreen.
6. Implement a **"No Hat, no Play"** stance for children when playing outside
7. Staff to role model Sunsmart behaviour, particularly the use of appropriate hats, within the school grounds and during outdoor school activities.
8. Paparoa Primary School will continue to work towards developing and improving existing shade, particularly in areas where students congregate.
9. Shade can be both built and natural (e.g. constructed shelter and trees).
10. Organised outdoor activities are to be held in areas with plenty of shade **whenever possible**.

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11. Staff can take positive reinforcement measures with children who demonstrate sun safety e.g. Pipi's.
 12. Newsletters and permission slips must include mention of hats and sunscreen in terms 1 and 4.

Monitoring

The Principal will:

- Be a good role model to children and staff by wearing a sun safe hat in terms 1 and 4 when outside.
- Encourage the use of Pipi's to reward sun safety.
- Ensure newsletters and permission slips have sun safety reminders.

Teachers will:

- Use positive reinforcement to reward sun safety
- Be good role models to children by wearing sun safe hats in terms 1 and 4 when outside.
- Factor in shade when planning for events or outings.
- Ensure sunscreen is taken on outings.
- Classroom teachers are to remind children before break times to reapply sunscreen.

Supporting Documentation

None

Ratified by Board: _____

Signed for B.O.T.

Date

Next Review: _____

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Recorded in the Board of Trustees Minutes dated: _____

