



BAYVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY SUN SAFETY



Excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increase the risk of skin cancer. New Zealand, along with Australia, has the highest melanoma rates in the world. One or more episodes of sunburn in childhood and adolescence have been shown to increase the risk of melanoma in later life.

This sun protection policy will apply during term 1 and 4 (especially between the hours of 10am and 4pm).

As part of general SunSmart strategies, during Terms 1 and 4 our school will:

Behaviour:

- Require children to wear the school broad-brimmed hat when they are outside (e.g. interval, lunch, sport, excursions and activities) during Terms 1 and 4.
- Implement a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy. Children who do not have a hat must play under the shaded area in the middle courtyard.
- Promote students use of SPF 30 + broad spectrum sunscreen¹
- Encourage children to wear clothing that protects the skin from the sun (e.g. sleeves and collars).
- Encourage staff to role model SunSmart behaviour, particularly the use of appropriate hats within the school grounds and during outdoor school activities
- Regularly publicise and reinforce the SunSmart procedures, for example through newsletters, parent meetings, and student and teacher activities.
- Inform parents of the SunSmart procedures at enrolment, especially the use of hats, clothing, SPF 30+ sunscreen, and encourage parents to practice SunSmart behaviour themselves.

Curriculum

- Incorporate SunSmart Education and activities at all levels when delivering the curriculum.

Environment

- Work towards developing and improving existing shade, particularly in areas where students congregate. (Shade can be both man made or natural).
- As a Green / Gold Enviroschool natural native sun shade is a preference.
- Organise outdoor activities to be held in areas with plenty of shade whenever possible.
- Whenever possible outdoor activities should be organised before 10am or after 4pm as this is when UVR levels are at their peak.

¹ Sunscreen should not be the sole or primary form of sun protection.

Evaluation:

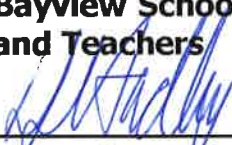
- Ensure ongoing assessment of SunSmart behaviour, shade provision and curriculum emphasis.
- Review of the SunSmart Policy by the Board of Trustees and Principal at least once every 3 years.

Formulated By: Bayview School Community, Board of Trustees, Principal and Teachers

Approved By:

Date:

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