

# Allandale School SUNSMART POLICY

## **Rationale:**

Allandale School will implement a SunSmart Action Plan and Policy, as far as practicable that will ensure the all our children's safety from the sun's harmful UV rays. This policy will be implemented in Terms 1 and 4.

## **Purposes:**

Curriculum Teaching and Learning;

- To implement a SunSmart Health unit in Term 4 of each year.
- Practical and regular reminders and activities to take place at all team and school assemblies in Terms 1 and 4.

## **Guidelines:**

- The compulsory wearing of hats will be implemented:
  - The hat styles can be worn need to have a brim to protect the face from the sun);
  - These styles include legionnaire, bucket, and baseball
  - Students without hats and those wearing hats that do not meet these criteria (eg. beanies) will be required to remain in the shade during outdoor activities.
- All teachers will promote/present themselves as positive SunSmart role-models by wearing approved hat styles at the appropriate times.
- Volunteers and whānau will also be encouraged to promote/present themselves as positive SunSmart role-models.
- Hats shall be worn between the hours of 10:00am-4:00pm.
- Students will be encouraged to wear clothing that protects their skin from the sun (eg. shirts with sleeves and collars).
- SunSmart actions will be implemented at all outdoor cross-curricular activities and events i.e. sports days, class camps, and excursions.
- Whenever possible, outdoor cross-curricular activities will be organised in such a way so that they include sun protection, and minimise exposure to the sun.
- The risk management (RAM) plan developed for education outside of the classroom (EOTC) activities will include sun safety.
- Shade areas will be provided throughout the school.
- A "No Hat, Play in the Shade" policy will be promoted throughout the school.
- Broad spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen will be provided for all classes in our school.
- The school's SunSmart policy will be regularly publicised and promoted in fortnightly school-wide newsletters.

## **Community Links and Partnerships:**

To inform the Allandale community of SunSmart policies, expectations and the health risks associated with skin cancer – re: newsletters, enrolment forms, etc.