

St Columba's Catholic School

NAG 5 - Health and Safety Sunsafe Procedures

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. This procedure is to be implemented in Terms 1 and 4.

Guidelines:

1. Regulation sun hat must be worn when children are outside during summer in Terms 1 and 4 and required to be in summer uniform.
2. Children without sun hats will be restricted to shade areas.
3. Sunscreen SPF broad spectrum 30+ will be provided from the school office.
4. Teachers will provide sun awareness education for children and will be role models of Sunsmart behaviour.
5. Outdoor physical education programmes will try to avoid high risk burn times.
6. The school will continue to provide shade area – through tree planting and shade cloth.
7. SunSmart messages are included in school newsletters.
8. SunSmart clothing will be encouraged.

Conclusion:

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