

## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL SUN PROTECTION POLICY (2023)

### PURPOSE

Hokowhitu School Board is committed to providing a safe environment for children by promoting sun protection behaviour, providing protected outdoor areas, fostering sun protection practices, and planning of curriculum delivery.

### GUIDELINES

#### Protected Outdoor Areas

1. The School Board is committed to providing outdoor environments that include a combination of built and natural shading options.

#### Sun Protection Practices

2. Sun protection practices will be adopted during term 1 and term 4.
  - a. Children are required to wear the uniform bucket hat when outside for all free-play and class-based activities, where practical.
    - i. When children do not have a hat they must stay under provided shaded areas.
  - b. Children are encouraged to wear rash tops during the school swimming season.
  - c. Families are encouraged to provide their child with sunscreen for reapplication during the day.
  - d. Teachers are encouraged to model sun protective practices when outside.
3. The school will provide staff with SPF30+ sunscreen for outdoor activities during the course of their duties.
  - a. Sunscreen will also be available for children if it has not been provided by parents, but staff will not apply sunscreen to children.

#### Curriculum Delivery

4. When possible, school-based outdoor activities during term 1 and term 4 will be organised for early morning or later in the afternoon.
  - a. Outdoor activities should be held under shaded areas, whenever possible.
5. Education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities should include a sun exposure assessment.
  - a. When EOTC or sport-based activities are held off-site the school will provide the school pergola for sun protection, as practical.
  - b. When EOTC or sport-based activities are held off-site children and staff should adopt sun protective behaviours as identified in guideline 2.

**ASSOCIATED POLICIES/PROCEDURES/HANDBOOKS**

School Policies and Procedures

Health and Safety Policy

Education Outside the Classroom Policy

Guideline Documents

[www.sunsmartschools.co.nz](http://www.sunsmartschools.co.nz)

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**Presiding Member**

**Principal**