

SUNSAFE**Annual****RATIONALE:**

This policy is adopted from 25th August 2010, so that children attending Kamo Primary School are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun, which lead to serious skin cancer, and melanoma, in later life. This policy is implemented during terms 1 & 4, when UV radiation levels are most intense.

PURPOSE:**A As part of general sun protection strategies the school will:**

1. Ensure there are enough shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds
2. Incorporate sunsmart education programmes into the curriculum at all levels every year
3. Require children to wear broad brimmed or bucket hats when they are outside terms 1 & 4 (eg interval, lunch, sports, carnivals, excursions and outdoor activities)
4. Require children to play in the shade when they have no hat
5. The use of broad spectrum SPF30+ is encouraged
6. The use of sun protective clothing is encouraged (eg sleeves and collars)
7. Staff to act as role models by wearing appropriate hats and clothing
8. Outdoor activities are scheduled whenever possible to minimise time outdoors between the peak times of 11am – 4pm
9. Our Sunsafe policy is reflected in the planning of outdoor events (eg camps, excursions, sports events)
10. Regularly reinforce the Sunsafe Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities

GUIDELINES:**B When enrolling their child parents will be:**

1. Informed of the Sunsafe policy
2. Encouraged to practise sun protective behaviours themselves

The Cancer Society of New Zealand recommends holding school excursions early in the day to cut down the exposure to UV radiation. Plan them for venues where adequate shade is available or alternatively provide your own shade where appropriate.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the Strategic Plan review every three years.

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.....Chairperson, BOT