**Paekakariki School**

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**SHADY SCHOOL/SUNSMART**

**Rationale:**
Medical research suggests that excessive exposure to ultra violet radiation from the sun leads to increased risk of serious skin cancer, melanoma, in later life.

The National Education Guidelines require that Paekakariki School provide a safe physical environment for children.

**Purposes:**

1. To provide a school environment that provides options for adequate protection from excessive exposure to the sun
2. To promote sun sense awareness in children
3. To provide sun smart guidelines for staff

**Practical sun smart guidelines will apply when the weather determines**

1. Strong sun sense awareness programmes will be incorporated into the school Health programmes for all classes in Term 1 and 4 reinforcing the dangers of exposure to the suns rays.

2. Staff are encouraged to reinforce the sun smart policy by positive role modelling and wearing hats when outside where sun issues could be a problem.

3. Lunch will be eaten in shaded areas.

4. Children will be asked to bring hats and sensible clothing for all outside activities in Terms 1 and 4. Children will be required to wear a hat( a hat is defined as a hat that provides shade to the face, ideally fully brimmed ) when it is deemed '**a sun hat day'**. **A Sun Smart Banner will be prominently displayed to announce that it is a 'Sun Hat Day'.** Pupils with no hats will be instructed to play in the shaded areas.

5. The school will supply SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for the children and staff to use for any outdoor activities.

6. Parent communication newsletters will reinforce the need for parents to provide appropriate sun protection for their children.

7. . The Board will ensure that there is adequate shade for the children by focusing on developing greater shade areas through the school's strategic and property plans.

8. The school will endeavour to hold all sporting activities in the morning.

Signed: _____
Board Chair