

Sun Safety

Guidelines and Procedures

Making students aware of the dangers of exposure to the sun during periods of high risk may help to reduce the incidence of skin disease arising in later life.

At Paraparaumu Beach School:

- The Board of Trustees endeavours to provide and further create shade structures and trees in the school grounds
- Staff act as role models by attiring themselves appropriately when outdoors during school time
- Students are required to wear suitable 'sun-protection' hats when outdoors during Term 1 and Term 4. Such hats should be 'bucket-style' or similar, offering protection to the face, neck and ears. Students without a suitable hat are required to stay/play in the shade of their classroom balcony.
- Parents are reminded regularly (via school newsletters and syndicate correspondence) of the requirement regarding hats, and encouraged to provide students with other sun protection such as appropriate clothing and personal sunscreen.
- Wherever possible, Staff favour venues for sporting events or outdoor activities that provide adequate shade for the students participating; and endeavour to programme outdoor events earlier in the day
- Appropriate health units are taught to encourage sensible sun safe attitudes and behaviour
- A limited supply of SP30, broad spectrum sunscreen is provided for the use of all staff and students, but parents are also expected to provide this for their children
- Parents/ caregivers are asked to inform the school if their child has an allergic reaction to sunscreen.
- Staff, students and the parent community will be kept informed of the school's sun safety procedure via the website.
- The Board of Trustees and Principal will review the sun protection procedure every three years.

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