

# DRURY SCHOOL: Policy 5.16 – Sun Safety (for Term 1 and Term 4)

## **Rationale:**

New Zealand has one of the world's highest incidences of skin cancer and the problem continues to worsen. Children should be encouraged to cover-up from the harmful rays of the sun. Drury School children will wear Drury School hats outside.

## **Purposes:**

1. To promote awareness of the harm that is done to the skin from the sun.
2. To promote and encourage children to be responsible for their own well-being.

## **Guidelines:**

1. Incorporation of educational programmes and prevention measure in the Health/PE programme of the school.
2. Reminders in newsletters and from class teachers to bring named hats and sunscreen for wearing at school and on school trips.
3. Lunch eating to be either in a shaded area or under oak trees.
4. Provide positive reinforcement for students who wear hats and sunscreen.
5. Children without hats are required to play in shaded areas.
6. All staff to act as role models by:
  - wearing appropriate hats and clothing for outdoor activities.
  - using sunscreen for skin protection
  - seeking shade for any outdoor activities where possible
7. Children must wear the Drury School hat when undertaking activities outside the classroom during school time in Terms 1 and 4.
8. The sun protection policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (e.g. camps, excursions, sporting events).
9. The school has a number of shaded areas to provide adequate protection in the school grounds.
10. Class teachers will enforce and encourage compliance with this policy.