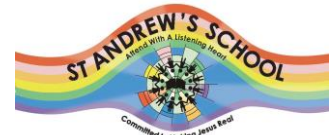


# **POLICY: Sun Safety**

## **St Andrew's School**

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The St Andrew's Sun Safety policy ensures that all students and staff attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year with no seasonal variation.

As part of the St Andrew's Sun Safety policy we:

### **Behaviour**

- Require the children to wear wide-brimmed hats whenever they are outside (eg. recess, lunch, P.E, sport, excursions).
- Work with the parent community to encourage the applying of SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to students and staff before school and prior to the lunch break.
- Encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
- Request staff and encourage parents to act as role models by practicing sun safe behaviours including wearing of hats.
- Include sun safe articles and reminders in the school newsletter on a regular basis.
- Recommend that sun-safe clothing be worn when coloured-clothes days, costumes or special events are held.

### **Curriculum**

- Incorporate programs on sun safe practices into the curriculum at all grade levels.
- Regularly reinforce sun safe behaviours in a positive way through class posters, newsletters, parent/student information nights, student and staff activities.
- Ensure the sun protection policy is reflected in the planning of all outdoor events (eg. Sports events, camps, excursions)

### **Environment**

- Provide sun protective clothing options as part of student uniform.
- Schedule outdoor activities to minimize sun exposure between 10am and 2pm where possible.
- Organize outdoor activities to best utilize shaded (Outdoor Education Centre, shade-cloth structures, treed areas) areas whenever possible.
- Assess shade provision and usage and make recommendations for increases in shade provision.