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SUN PROTECTION GUIDELINES

St. Agnes' Primary School

Rationale:

At St Agnes' we recognise the importance of Sun Protection for all students in our care. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students attending our school are protected throughout the year from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Implementation:

- All students will wear the school hats that protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside e.g. all sports activities, outdoor excursions and activities
- Students who do not have their hats on at play will be asked to move to an area protected from the sun. This area in most cases will be a prearranged area, particularly in the case of the playground. In doing this we will be reinforcing the Sun Protection strategy of 'No Hat – No Play' for L1 and L2 playground.
- Outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade whenever possible
- Staff will be encouraged to act as role models by practicing Sun Smart behaviour
- On occasions when the students come "out of uniform" students must wear dresses or t-shirts with sleeves. Hats must also be worn.

Our School will:

- Ensure that school hats are appropriate and satisfy Cancer Council guidelines
- Classrooms will be provided with SPF 30+ sunscreen purchased for student use if required
- Encourage and support the building of sun shelters around the school as the need arises
- Provide and nurture the growth of shade trees planted around the school
- Limit exposure times through timetable changes if possible
- Incorporate programs on skin care and sun protection within the Key Learning Area of Personal Development Health and Physical Education
- Inform parents that the Sun Protection Guidelines is available on school website
- When enrolling a child, the parents will be requested to purchase a school hat from Joprim, the Parish shop

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