



MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PROCEDURE: Sun Protection

At Marist Catholic School we recognise and respect the sacred dignity of each person as made in the image of God. We therefore undertake to provide students, staff and visitors with a safe physical and emotional learning environment. Unprotected exposure to the sun is damaging to health. At Marist Catholic School students and staff will be encouraged to develop appropriate behaviours to protect themselves.

PROTECTION AGAINST THE SUN

- During terms 1 and 4 all students will be required to wear SunSmart hats, legionnaire or full brim, during outdoor activities
- There will be strict enforcement of 'no-hat-play-in-the-shade' during these terms, even if it is not sunny
- All staff will role model wearing SunSmart hats while outside
- Broad spectrum SPF 30 or more sunscreen will be available at break times and for all outdoor activities

SHADE

- Children are required to sit in the shade to eat during morning tea and lunch times
- Children will be encouraged to seek shade during morning tea and lunch times
- When possible during terms 1 and 4 outdoor activities/events will be scheduled outside peak UV periods (10am – 4pm)
- For outdoor activities/events that must be held between 10am and 4pm, shade (verandas, trees, gazebos) will be accessed whenever possible

COMMUNICATION

- Parents will be informed of these guidelines regularly through the school's newsletter, on the school website and at information evenings
- Children will be reminded about SunSmart rules through announcements at school events and through teacher reminders
- All staff will be advised of these procedures during the induction process and through regular reminders

CURRICULUM

- Classroom programmes will support students in developing knowledge and behaviours that will protect them from harmful UV radiation
- A set of SunSmart curriculum resources for the levels 1-4 of the New Zealand curriculum are available online at: www.sunsmartschools.org.nz/teachers/curriculum-resources