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POLICY ON SUN SAFETY

RATIONALE:

- St. Michael's Church School is a Christian School in the Anglican tradition reflecting the intentions of the St. Michael's Church School Statute.
- Excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun causes sunburn and skin damage, and increases the risk of cancer.
- One or more episodes of sunburn in childhood and adolescence have been shown to increase the risk of melanoma later in life.
- The School has a responsibility to ensure that this risk is minimised for our pupils.

PURPOSES:

- This policy is adopted so that children attending St. Michael's Church School are protected from harmful UV radiation from the sun.

GUIDELINES:

- This sun protection policy will apply during Terms 1 and 4, especially between 11am and 4pm.
- However, during early Term 2 and late Term 3 UVR levels may be increased, and therefore sun protection should be considered for use at any time when children are outdoors for extended periods.
- Children should wear the regulation School sunhat, which fits the required dimensions, when they are outside during Terms 1 and 4.
- Children without hats must play in shade or indoors.
- Consideration should be given to the use of SPF 30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen when children are outside for extended periods.
- Staff are encouraged to role model SunSmart behaviour, particularly the use of appropriate hats, within the School grounds and during outdoor School activities.
- The School will publicise and reinforce the SunSmart policy when appropriate.
- SunSmart education and activities will be incorporated in the curriculum.
- The Board will work towards developing and improving existing shade.
- Teachers are encouraged to continue to keep the SunSmart policy in mind when activities are being arranged.
- The Board will review the SunSmart policy as part of the regular review cycle.

CONCLUSION:

SunSmart behaviour is the responsibility of both the School and the family, and is to be encouraged.