

Sun Protection.

POLICY STATEMENT.

We aim to ensure that all children attending the centre will be protected from harmful rays of the sun. All staff are to model appropriate sun protection behaviour and enforce the sun protection policy.

Strategies for teaching sun protection in the service will be based on children actively practicing and monitoring their own implementation of sun protection strategies as active learners (“*My Time Our Place*” **Outcome 4**).

CONSIDERATIONS.

- National Quality Standard 2 Element 2.3.2 “ Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury”.
- National Quality Standard 6 Element 6.3.2 “ Continuity of learning and transitions for each child are supported by sharing relevant information and clarifying responsibilities”
- National Regulation 114 “Outdoor space – shade”
- National Regulation 100 “ Risk assessment must be conducted “
- WHS Act and Regulations 2012
- NSW Cancer Council www.cancercouncil.com.au/reduce-risks/sun-protection

PROCEDURE.

1. All sun protection practices will be maintained Children and staff should wear protective clothing when outside such as hats and shirts that cover their shoulders.
2. Staff will direct children to wear hats for outdoor play.
3. Children who do not have a hat will be encouraged to find shaded areas to play in only & if they refuse they may find a spare hat or be involved in indoor activities. Exception for not wearing a hat at all will be under the basketball court shelter in the school quad.
4. Staff are to enforce the ‘No Hat, Play in Shaded areas only or Play Inside’ rule.
5. Children should not share hats unless they borrow a hat from the hat box which will be entirely up to them.
6. An SPF 15+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be made available in the centre and applied to staff and children when exposed to the sun as required when UV rating is above 3.
7. Parents will be informed of the sun protection policy on enrolling their child in the centre.
8. During vacation care parents are encouraged to apply a sunscreen to their child prior to attending the centre, and reminded to supply a suitable hat.
9. Where children have allergies or sensitivity to the sunscreen, parents will be asked to provide an alternative sunscreen, and the child encouraged to play in the sheltered areas.
10. The sun protection message should be reinforced throughout the program.
11. Activities are to be planned to avoid exposure to the sun between the hours of 11am and 3pm.
12. Outdoor activities will be held in shaded areas whenever possible.
13. Where shade is considered inadequate, Management should be approached to provide additional shade cover.
14. The centre will incorporate sun and skin protection awareness activities in the program and provide notices and posters about the topic.
15. while walking to and from the centre and on any excursions.

ENDORSEMENT BY THE SERVICE:

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