



Sun Protection Policy

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.

Considerations

Cancer Council recommendations regarding protection from the sun.

PROCEDURE

- Children and staff should wear protective clothing when outside such as hats that protect their face, ears and neck, and shirts that cover their shoulders and necks.
- Staff will direct children to wear hats for outdoor play.
- Children will not share hats. Children's hats should not be stored in the same container. Where the centre's spare hats are used they are to be used only by one child. All spare hats must be washed before use by anyone else.
- Children who do not have a hat must play in a sheltered area. Staff are to enforce the 'no hat no outside play' rule.
- An SPF 50+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be made available in the centre and applied to staff and children when exposed to the sun.
- Parents will be informed of the sun protection policy on enrolling their child in the centre through the Family Information Booklet.
- 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.
- 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.
- The sun protection message should be reinforced throughout the program through role modelling, informal discussions and posters.
- Activities are to be planned to avoid exposure to the sun between the hours of 11am and 3pm whenever possible.
- Outdoor activities will be held in shaded areas whenever possible.
- All sun protection practices will be maintained while walking to and from school and on any excursions.

Date Endorsed
Date for review & Evaluation