



Sun Safe Policy

Rationale:

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world, with 2 out of every 3 people developing some form of skin cancer in their lifetimes.

- Most skin cancer and skin damage is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun and mainly occurs during childhood and adolescents. Preschools are ideally placed to help reduce the incidence of skin cancer by developing good habits in and an understanding of the effects of the sun by the children at the Centre.
- Our Centre's philosophy ensures the child's right to be safe at the kindergarten.

The aims of our policy are to promote amongst children, staff and families:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection
- Lifestyle practices that help reduce the incidence of skin damage
- Awareness of the need for environment changes in our Centre to reduce the level of exposure to the sun.

Procedure:

- All children and staff will wear hats outside all year.
- Children without hats will have to play inside or borrow a kindy hat.
- Broad spectrum sunblock is available for parents to apply to their children.
- Staff will apply the sunblock at lunch time for all day children in Terms 1 and 4.
- Staff will act as role models for the children.
- Shaded areas will be increased by tree planting and shade coverings.
- Staff will incorporate sun and skin awareness activities into the teaching program.

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