Sun Protection Policy

Research suggests that unprotected exposure to the sun during childhood is an important factor in the development of skin cancer later in life. It also tells us that the sun can be dangerous throughout the year.

**Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011:**
Regulation 168 (2) (a) (ii)
Related key Regulations: 114

**Links to the National Quality Standards:**
National Quality Standard 2.3

We believe in "modelling" sun safe behaviour by both adults and children.

**It is with these factors in mind that we advise parents of the following guidelines & procedures:**

- Parents are encouraged to send their children in clothing which protects the body from the sun - for example a t-shirt. Please don’t send your child in a strappy top or singlet. **(Shoulders need to be covered)**
- Children must wear a hat at all times when outside during Term 1 and 4.
- Children should come to kindy with a named hat in their bags during Term 1 and 4 or they are able to keep it at kindy in the basket available.
- It is preferable that children wear broad brimmed style hats to provide the best possible protection. **(The wearing of caps is discouraged.)**
- The children will be provided with adequate shaded areas to protect children from the sun.
- Staff wear hats when outside at all times. **(During term 1 and 4)**
- Staff use "teachable moments" and curriculum programming to inform children of the health issues concerning sun safety.
- Staff will encourage children to have regular drinks of water, particularly on warmer days by using their own water bottle or from container on the verandah.
- Staff will set up activities in the shade whenever possible.
- During days of forecast temperature of above 35 degrees children will remain inside or on the verandah between hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm.
- Sunscreen should be applied by parents to all exposed skin of their child before their arrival at kindy. **(During Term 1 and 4)**
- The Preschool staff will re-apply sunscreen (supplied by the Kindergarten) to all children after lunch for those children who have had a consent form signed by parents or caregivers.
- Parents need to complete a permission slip for the staff to apply the sunscreen.

**Resources:**
This Policy has been developed by the Governing Council.
The policy will be reviewed and evaluated regularly by both the staff and Governing Council and modified as required to ensure continued relevance for the Centre. This policy has been developed by the Preschool director in consultation with staff and the Governing Council endorsed by the Governing Council on October 2012.
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