



Angle Vale Preschool

SUNSMART POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

Angle Vale Preschool will ensure that all children attending the Centre are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun and are educated in all aspects of appropriate sun safety. When the UV level reaches 3 (moderate) or higher, it is deemed strong enough to cause damage to unprotected skin.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Philosophy:	To promote among children, staff and families positive attitudes towards skin protection and lifestyle practices, which can help, reduce the incidence of skin cancer
Legislation	Child Care Centre Regulations 1985 (SA); Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 (SA); Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986 (SA); Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1986 (SA); Quality Improvement and National Quality Standards – QA2
Children	Need protection from the sun and harmful rays particularly from September to April; instruction about sun safety and correct application of sunscreen; appropriate clothing and sun protection.
Parents	Need to feel confident that their child/children are adequately protected from the sun when required. Parents are encouraged to co-operate in maintaining sun awareness at home and providing adequate sun protection and measure for their children
Staff	Need to be responsible for appropriate sun protection in including sunscreen and hats; clear guidelines and instructions with regard to enforcing the Sun Safe policy; to adhere to policies to achieve Sun Smart centre accreditation
Management	Need staff to maintain appropriate levels of sun awareness and to follow sun protection policies.

HOW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED (Specific Policies & Procedures):

Children

- Will bring a broad brimmed, bucket, or legionnaires hat each day. They are given the opportunity to apply their own sunscreen.
- Will be strongly encouraged to wear hats when they are outside from September to April and when the UV index is 3 and above
- Who do not have hats will be asked to play in an area protected from the direct sun or offered the option of wearing a spare 'kindy' hat
- Are encouraged to apply sunscreen themselves under adult supervision

Parents

- Will be encouraged to apply an appropriate sunscreen at the beginning of each day, either before arrival at kindy or on arrival using sunscreen provided by themselves or the kindy
- Are recommended to provide children with appropriate clothing
- Are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and sun protection whilst at kindy and when joining us on excursions

Staff

- Are strongly encouraged to wear a suitable hat when outside from September to April and when the UV index is 3 and above
- Have access to SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen at all times
- Should wear clothing that provides suitable sun protection
- Will monitor the UV index and implement this policy when the index is 3 and above
- Will reinforce and promote Sun Smart behaviour to children, and families
- Will be informed of the Sun Smart policy during induction

Students, Volunteers and Visitors

- Will be encouraged to wear appropriate sun protection clothing and sunscreen while at the kindy and when joining us on excursions

The environment

- An assessment of available shade will be undertaken each year to ensure adequate shaded areas are available for play. This includes permanent and temporary shelters and the planting of trees
- If staff deem the weather to be too hot or the UV index is extreme, activities may be restricted to shaded areas only