

Athelstone Preschool Sun Protection Policy

The aims of the Athelstone Preschool skin protection policy are to promote among children, staff and parents:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection.
- Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths.
- Personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection.

Implementation

This policy is for implementation from 1 September to 30 April. Outside of this time care should also be taken when the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all members of our Preschool are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful rays of the sun.

It is an expectation that all staff, students and parents of Athelstone Preschool will use the following skin protection strategies:

- Take care to protect the skin when the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above. Extra care should be taken between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm when UV radiation levels are highest.
- Use the shade of trees, pergolas, umbrellas and tents whenever outdoors.
- Wear appropriate clothing which protects the skin.
- Children, staff and parents will be expected to wear a broad brimmed hat or legionnaire style hat whenever they are involved in outside activities.
- Children and adults will wear shirts with sleeves to cover their shoulders when outside.
- Staff will encourage parents to apply sunscreen before Kindy sessions.
- Children will be supported to apply 30+ sunscreen at lunchtime in preparation for playing outside.
- Staff will model appropriate SunSmart strategies at all times.
- Information about the Sun Protection Policy will be given to all new members of the preschool.

