

Sun Protection Policy

National quality standard 2.3 Regulation 168 (2) (a) (ii) Related key regulations: 114

Our centre follows advice from Cancer Council SA, to ensure that all children attending this kindergarten are protected from sun damage caused by ultraviolet rays of the sun.

Facts from the Cancer Council of South Australia:

- Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world
- Currently one out of two Australians develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime (much of this damage occurs during childhood and adolescence)
- Ultraviolet radiation can cause damage in as little as 10 minutes of exposure
- Sunburn is the immediate damage caused by ultraviolet radiation
- Long term damage such as wrinkling and premature aging of the skin occur, even in people who do not burn

When children are enrolled:

- Parents will be made aware of this policy and asked to provide a legionnaire or wide brimmed hat each day. (Kindy hats are available for purchase)
- Parents will be expected to put sunscreen on their child prior to coming to Kindergarten. If your child requires their own sunscreen for reapplication, it must be stored in the Kindy kitchen not in your child's bag.

At Kindergarten we will:

- Enforce the sun protection policy every day by encouraging children to wear their hat during outside activities
- Include sun protection and sun safety lessons in our everyday teaching
- Provide shade areas for children's play (eg. verandah, sandpit, swings and trees)
- Act as positive role models, adhering to this policy
- Reapply suncream at lunchtime when the UV index is above 3, between August and May

If you have any questions or concerns with this policy please feel free to speak to educators.