



## **SUN PROTECTION POLICY**

### **Policy Statement:**

Children living in Australia are at risk of developing skin cancer, as we have the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. As the preschool is air conditioned, we are opened in extreme weather conditions.

### **Context:**

The outdoor area at Pooraka Community Kindergarten offers both natural shade and shade cloth over most play areas.

*At Pooraka Community Kindergarten staff aim to:*

Assist children to be aware of the need for skin protection through group learning activities

Help them to learn ways of protecting their skin

Take action to protect children from sun damage while at kindergarten.

Work with parents to protect children from skin cancer.

Be role models for children by using sun protection.

### **In terms 1, 3 and 4**

Children and staff are required to bring and wear a hat for outside play. The centre requires children to use a wide brimmed or "bucket" hat that shades the face, ears and back of the neck, and not a cap that only shades the face.

As per DECD Alert (Feb2017) hats with cords, drawstrings and toggles have been deemed unsafe and so prohibited for use at Kindergarten. Parents will be advised to remove straps or cords.

Outdoor activities will be set out in shady areas where ever possible

During terms1, 3 and 4 children and staff are required to wear a hat.

. After fruit time we will access the cancer council app and check the UV rating . If it is 3 or over children will not be permitted to play outside without an appropriate hat. Staff will remind and assist children to get their hats and keep them on. If they do not have a hat, children will play under the veranda, or inside.

A reminder note will be sent to parents if the child does not bring a hat or their hat is not appropriate.

If parents send a hat at other times of the year, children will be encouraged to wear it.

### **Sunscreen**

We encourage parents to apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to pre-school.

Is applied in Terms 1 and Term 4

On enrolment, we will seek permission to apply sunscreen.

After morning snack and lunch, staff will apply sunscreen to each child. Preschool will supply sun screen.

If your child requires a special sunscreen, please supply it.

Notify staff if you have a reason why we should not apply sunscreen eg; an allergy. Staff need to document this information.

### **Clothing**

Children and staff may wear protective eye wear if they wish.

Parents are encouraged to dress children in loose fitting and comfortable clothing during summer, but are recommended avoiding strapless/ backless tops, dresses and singlets.

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Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_