

Sir Thomas Playford Kindergarten

Hot Weather Policy

Link to National Quality Standards

2.3 *Each child is protected*

2.3.2 *Reasonable steps are taken to identify and manage risks, and every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and hazards.*

- *The service will provide a comfortable and safe environment for children*
- *Heating and cooling equipment provided to maintain a comfortable temperature for children*
- *Sun protection/advice from the Cancer Council.*

Sir Thomas Playford Kindergarten is committed in providing and maintaining a safe and healthy working and learning environment for staff, children and visitors to the pre-school. To achieve these aims the pre-school has developed these guidelines regarding sun smart practices for hot weather when working outside.

Director Responsibilities

The director will ensure that:

- The Governing Council will endeavour to maintain the number of shelters and trees providing shade, ensuring they provide adequate shade and are in good repair.

Staff Responsibilities

Each employee is legally responsible for their own health and safety and must avoid adversely affecting the health and safety of any other person.

- When the temperature reaches 35°C and above children will play inside.
- Staff are to be given the opportunity to have a break from outside duties' on hot days to relieve heat stress. The onus is on the staff member to request a break.
- Provide drinking water and encourage all children to keep up fluid levels, including making sure they maintain their own fluid intake.
- Be expected to use and direct children to shaded areas in all possible instances.
- Provide a cool place to store the children's snack.

Parents Responsibilities

- Parents are to be encouraged to dress children in clothing that minimises heat gain in layers that can be easily removed during activity and or a type that is sun safe. Refer www.arpansa.gov.au/radiationprotection/factsheets/is_UVProtection.cfm
- Parents are to be encouraged to place the child's lunch in the fridge upon arrival.

Review and Evaluation

Evaluation of the effectiveness of this policy and associated procedures will occur through analysis of accident and incident reports, staff meetings, during annual hazard checks and annual review of the policy.

Signed: _____ Governing Council Chairperson

Signed: _____ Director Date: _____

Policy Review Date: _____