



Skin Protection Policy

Aims

The aims of the Somerton park kindergarten Skin Protection Policy are to promote children, parents and staff:

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

Implementation

This policy is for implementation throughout the whole year.

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

All members of the Somerton Park kindergarten community will be strongly encouraged to use the following skin protection strategies.

1. Avoid being in the direct sun between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm

1:1 All outdoor activity sessions will be held in shaded areas.

2. Use the shade of the trees, and verandah whenever outdoors and for activities.

3. Wear appropriate clothing that protects skin.

3:1 Children, staff and parents will need to supply and wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat whenever they are involved in outside activities in Terms 1 and 4 or as the need arise.

If a child has no hat they will be offered a spare hat, or encouraged to play inside, on the verandah or in shaded areas.

3:2 Children need to wear appropriate clothing which will protect them from the sun. For example a short sleeved t-shirt rather than singlet tops or shoe string straps.

4. Parents should apply a broad spectrum sun cream with an SPF of 30+ to their child before coming to kindergarten.

Sunscreen SPF30+ is provided by the kindergarten, parents will need to provide any special sunscreen should their child have allergies.

5. Reinforcing the Sun Smart message in all centre activities and in general centre procedures is an important strategy in the adoption of the skin protection behaviours.

5:1 Staff will be encouraged to role model appropriate Sun Smart strategies in all centre activities.

5:2 Skin cancer prevention strategies will be included in appropriate teaching activities.

5:3 Staff will be encouraged to keep up to date with new information and resources through contact with the Anti-cancer foundation's Resource Centre.

6. The "Somerton Park Kindergarten Skin Protection Policy" will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

6:1 Policy issues will discussed at Staff and Governing Council meetings

The Governing Council has developed this policy. This policy will be reviewed and evaluated regularly by both staff and council and modified as required to ensure continued relevance for this centre.

Policy endorsed by the Governing Council on.....23 June 2020

Chairperson.....

Director.....