



Preschool Sun Protection Policy

All Department for Education school sites and early childhood education and care services must have a sun protection policy in effect for school terms 1 and 4 and whenever ultra violet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above.

Purpose

Sites must inform the school community including employees, students, parents and volunteers of the sun protection policy.

Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Sun protective clothing is encouraged including: shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts.

Our Preschool uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off site during terms 1 and 4 including:

Clothing and Hats

- We encourage parents to dress children in sun protective clothing which is communicated via: our enrolment pack, newsletters and Seesaw.
- We provide all children with a legionnaires hat which remains at the preschool and is worn during all outdoor play.

Shade

- Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities in the shade where possible. Our preschool has a number of shady places, structures and portable structures which are utilized.
- Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- Hats and spare safe clothes are accessible at all times.

Sunscreen

- We encourage parents/ care givers to send their children to preschool with sunscreen applied.
- SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant Sunscreen and a visible reminder note is located next to the sign on sheet encouraging parent to apply on arrival each day.
- SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant Sunscreen is reapplied each day after lunch prior to our second outdoor play session.

Sun Smart behaviour

Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole preschool community through:

- Establishing preschool routine.
- Ensuring hats and sunscreen is accessible
- Ongoing communications and reminders: newsletters, website, Seesaw app and visible signage
- Parents being made aware of this policy upon enrolment.

This document is informed by

The Cancer Council SA SunSmart policy

<https://www.cancersa.org.au/cut-my-risk/sunsmart/secondary-schools/sunsmart-policy-information>