

Sun Protection Policy

Introduction

This Sun Protection Policy has been developed to ensure that all children and staff attending Child Side School are protected from over-exposure to the harmful UV radiation from the sun.

Scope and Application

The Policy documents are our comprehensive sun protection practices. These practices will be applied to all school activities including sports activities, excursions and school events ('Little Day Out' – School Open Day). The policy is to be implemented throughout the year.

This policy applies to all employees, parents, children and community members of Child Side School. This policy will be reviewed and amended in accordance with Child Side School Policy on Policies and Policy Guidelines and Procedures Contents Schedule.

The use of the word child/children in this policy refers to students in the context of the school environment.

Related Legislation/Guidelines

- Work Health and Safety Act 2020
- Cancer Council Australia recommendations

Related Policies

- Critical Incident and Crisis Management Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- General Duty of Care Policy
- Emergency Management Policy
- Employee Injury Management Policy
- Excursions Procedure and Guidelines
- Guiding Children's Behaviour Policy
- Nutrition, Health and Hygiene Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct Policy
- Volunteers Policy and Guidelines for Engaging Volunteers

Related Documents

- Procedure for Implementing Sun Protection Policy

Policy Statement

Child Side School ensures all children and staff are protected from harmful UV radiation from the sun through the following measures;

- Provide student and community awareness of skin cancer and the need for sun protection.
- Assist children to develop strategies that encourage responsible decision making about skin protection.

- Provide a safe school environment that provides shade in high activity areas for children and staff.
- Encourage parents and visitors and require children and staff to wear protective clothing, broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hats and sunscreen 50+ during high-risk times such as lunch times, sports, excursions and other school events.
- Ensure that parents are informed of the school's Sun Protection policy.
- All staff check the Cancer Council Sun Smart App daily to advise of UV index and receive warnings and the appropriate precautions.

3 – 7 = seek shade, slip on a shirt, sunscreen and hat

8+ = avoid peak exposure times outside (see App), seek shade, shirt, sunscreen and hat

Appendices

Appendix 1	Procedure for Implementing Sun Protection Policy
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Procedure for Implementing Sun Protection Policy

- Child Side School implements a 'NO HAT NO PLAY' policy in all terms. If children do not have a broad brimmed hat to wear, they can borrow a school broad brim hat and complete community service after activity.
- Children will be made aware of the UV index and need to protect themselves from the effects of the sun through regular discussion and as part of the regular routine of preparing themselves for outdoor play "Put on your hats and apply your sun cream" – part of the day to day Living Health Curriculum.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas in the outdoor learning environment.
- Staff will provide suitable models – wearing broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, using shaded areas etc
- The routines will alter from winter to summer to reflect the changing risks associated with the seasons. Staff using the Sun Smart App to determine UV index rating throughout the year.
- Parents are asked to be responsible for the provision of hats and protective clothing for the children to wear outdoors and for placing sun cream UV50+ on their children first thing in the morning.
- UV50+ sun cream is included on the list of items parents need to supply to the school at the beginning of each school year.
- Staff revise/supervise children on how to effectively apply 50+ sunscreen and reapply as indicated, as needed.
- View Sun Smart App 2 minutes prior to outdoor time.
- Sunscreen needs to be applied when children go outside and reapplied every two hours or after vigorous exercise. 1 teaspoon (15mls) per limb and 1 teaspoon on face is recommended.
- Staff check use by date of sunscreen and put out for use. Sunscreen is placed on verandas of all buildings for easy access to children, staff and parents.
- Children are required to wear protective hats (broad brimmed) and protective clothing (shoulders covered - no singlet tops) outside. It is recommended:
 - Shirts - collared with long sleeves
 - Closely woven material (UV50+ material)
- Staff are required and adults on site will be encouraged to wear protective hats and clothing outside.
- The Sun Protection Policy is available to parents on the school website.
- Sun Protection reminders are placed on the communication whiteboard at all times in the year and on days of moderate or high UV.
- The Sun Protection Policy is reviewed and ratified by the GC biannually.
- Implementation of the Sun Protection Policy is discussed and reviewed at Staff Dialogue especially at key times in the year. Notes about sun protection may be included in the school communication via the communication app to remind parents if staff think that reminders are required.