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## Sun Smart Policy and Procedure - 2018

### Purpose

This policy outlines Moana Kindergartens commitment to children, staff, students and parent's safety in the sun.

### Aim

- To ensure that all children, staff, students and parents at the Kindy are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun when the UV is 3 and above, being from 1 August to 30 April.
- To promote positive attitudes toward skin protection among children, staff and parents.
- To incorporate sun and skin awareness activities into the daily routine in order to promote lifestyle practices which help reduce the incidence of skin cancer.
- Build awareness of the need for environmental changes in our Kindy to reduce the level of sun exposure when the UV radiation level is 3 and above

### Policy Statement and procedures

- The service will ensure all sun protection measures are applied to children and staff whilst outside when the UV is 3 and above.
- All children, staff, students and parents must wear a hat which shades the face, neck and ears – such as a broad brimmed hat, legionnaire's style hat, or a bucket hat which has a deep crown and a minimum 5cm brim. Baseball caps are not suitable as they do not offer adequate protection. Hats may be left at the Kindy. Children not wearing an appropriate hat will be expected to play in the shade (under verandah or inside).
- Hats are to be worn outside from the 1st of August until 30th April and any other time of the year when the UV is 3 and above. The UV rating will be obtained by staff from the Bureau of Meteorology's website – [www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv/](http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv/), and staff will apply full sun protection to children when it is 3 and above. A visual display will be utilised to inform all of the staff team/site visitors of UV level for the day.
- Moana Kindergarten requests that children wear appropriate clothing which consists of shirts or dresses that cover the shoulders and shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style shorts and skirts.
- The Centre requires broad spectrum (SPF 30+) water resistant sunscreen, to be applied by parents before or on arrival at the Centre. The Centre

provides sunscreen which is re-applied by the staff 15-20 mins before going outside and is reapplied as per the directions on the bottle for the remainder of the day (e.g. every 2 hours if outdoors for extended periods of time and/or during water activities).

- When appropriate, children can wear wraparound sunglasses. Glasses with an EPF rating of 10 is recommended.
- Children are encouraged to avoid direct exposure to the sun during the hours of intense (peak) ultra-violet radiation and outdoor activities will be set up in shaded areas using the shade of trees, pergolas and tents as much as possible.
- All outdoor redevelopments will consider how we can maximise shaded areas to encourage Sun Smart behaviour and work towards always providing adequate sun protected areas.
- Sun Smart and vitamin D information is included in the curriculum.
- Parents are informed of this policy and receive Sun Smart information and advice via posters, displays, and handouts.
- Staff are required and parents are encouraged to be positive role models by practising Sun Smart behaviours e.g. wearing appropriate sun safe hats, UV reflective sunglasses and clothes outside; applying sunscreen; and using shaded areas.

### **Accommodating Different Skin Types**

All children should learn about their skin type - particularly those with very fair skin, which burns easily- and the importance of skin protection. All children need to protect their eyes from the sun by wearing a hat when the UV is 3 and above.

Endorsed by Governing Council:

Chairperson \_\_\_Ross Whitfield Director\_Sophie Northcott Date\_22/05/2018

***If you require further information regarding any of our policies, go to [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au) in accordance with Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety***

To safeguard and promote children's health and safety, minimise risks and protect children from harm, injury and infection. All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that provides for their physical and psychological wellbeing and provides support for each child's growing competence, confidence and independence.

Element 2.1.1 Each child's health needs are supported.

Element 2.3.2 Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury. [www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au)

### **Related Documents**

Cancer Council Sun Protection Policy checklist for South Australian Early Childhood Centres

Moana Inclement Weather Policy

Inclement Weather and Sun Protection Procedure, Department for Education, October 2017