

SUN PROTECTION PROCEDURE

Working with families the Centre management and staff, provide as much sun protection as is possible for individual akonga.

Practices:

1. The Centre provides sunscreen SPF 30 for children over one, while parents are asked to provide sunscreen suitable for their infants and toddlers up to one. T-shirts and other protective clothing are available if needed and an adequate supply of sunhats is also available, which are washed on a weekly basis.
2. We encourage parents to provide:
 - Sunscreen SPF 30 (if a child is sensitive to or allergic to sunscreens).
 - Sun hats and clothing that provides good sun protection e.g. child's shoulders must be covered.
3. Sunscreen will be used during term 4 and term 1.
4. The Centre staff will make sure that:
 - All children are expected to wear sun protection if playing outside. Children choosing not to wear appropriate sun protection are to stay indoors with a teacher.
 - Shade from trees and shade sails etc, be used for outdoor activities.
 - Staff be made aware of any allergies children may have to sunscreens, or inform parents if they suspect there may be a reaction to sunscreens. All allergies must be written on a child's enrolment form and transferred to allergy chart in kitchen.
 - Parents are encouraged to apply sun block on their children either before or on arrival at the Centre. Teachers will ensure children have sunblock on before going outside. As a general rule this will be done at 11.00 am and 3.00pm.
 - In extreme heat children will remain inside at teacher's discretion, air conditioning provides cool relief on extremely hot days and teachers will encourage children to drink water.
5. Those adults working in the Centre must also protect themselves from the sun and be a good role model for children to follow.

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