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Outside School Hours Care – Sun Protection Policy

RATIONALE

To ensure all children attending Outside School Hours Care are protected from skin damage caused by UV rays.

AIM

To ensure program staff and parents/guardians have a clear procedure in relation to sun protection. Every precaution will be taken to protect against damaging UV rays. The staff will encourage children and parents/guardians to develop good lifestyle practices in relation to sun protection.

IMPLEMENTATION

These procedures apply to program staff and parents.

- Whilst outside, the staff and children must wear a hat and sunscreen from 1st September until 30th April.
- Each child is encouraged to bring a clearly named hat, which protects the face, neck and ears.
- If a child refuses to wear a hat, the staff shall make every effort to encourage the wearing of head protection. A child who will not cooperate, or does not have a hat, will be restricted to an area that offers protection (e.g. inside, veranda, shaded area that is still under the supervision of staff).
- Staff will encourage children to play in shaded areas whilst outside.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for providing appropriate clothing for sun protection.
- Staff will wear sunscreen, a hat and appropriate clothing as effective role models.
- Older children will be encouraged to apply their own sunscreen under adult supervision.
- Staff shall check the enrolment form to ascertain possible skin allergies. Parents/guardians of children with allergies shall be requested to provide an appropriate sunscreen.
- Staff will ensure that equipment is set up in shaded areas and children will be encouraged to use available shady areas.
- Children are required at all times to wear clothing that protects the neck, back and shoulders (e.g. tops with sleeves, avoid tank tops and singlets).
- The importance of sun protection will constantly be reinforced by the staff to all children.
- The coordinator will provide educational material on sun protection.

REFERENCES

Parent Handbook,

Education and Care Services National Regulations. Division 2, 168-2A Page 114

EVALUATION

Guidelines are updated annually and/or as per DET recommendations.

CERTIFICATION

This policy was ratified at the School Council meeting held at Patterson Lakes Primary School, November, 2018.

Signed.....


School Council President

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Principal