Magill Kindergarten

Operational Policies and Procedures

Sun Protection Policy

Magill Kindergarten is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for staff, children, families and visitors to the centre. All members of the kindergarten community need to be protected from skin damage by harmful ultra violet rays of the sun.

- Children will be required to wear a hat, for example, a broad brimmed or legionnaire hat that protects their face, neck and ears. The wearing of hats is compulsory during terms 1 and 4. Kindy staff will support parents who require their child to wear a hat whenever they are outside.
- During hot weather, it is recommended that children have sunscreen applied at home before they arrive for their kindergarten session.
- Parents of children who stay all day will be asked to give permission for staff to apply sunscreen to their child after lunch during terms 1 and 4.
- To minimise the spread of infections such as head lice, impetigo and ringworm, children will not share hats.
- Parents are expected to provide a suitable hat for their child.
- The Kindergarten will provide clean, spare hats in an emergency and parents are expected to wash and return borrowed hats to the kindergarten.
- The centre will incorporate sun and skin protection awareness activities into learning programmes.
- Staff will be positive role models who practice skin protective behaviours by applying sunscreen, wearing appropriate clothing and hats.
- When enrolling their child at kindergarten, parents will be informed about the sun protection policy and will be asked to provide their child with a hat marked with their name and recommendations to dress appropriately (eg. tops with sleeves, tank tops/singlets are not to be worn).

Governing Council Endorsement:    Date: