Sun Protection Policy

Kimba Community Kindergarten will implement a Sun Protection Policy to raise an awareness of skin cancer in students, parents, caregivers and the community. Our centre will:-

- Adopt practical sun protection measures.
- Develop strategies which encourage responsible decision making about sun protection.
- Work towards a safe kindergarten environment which provides shade for students and staff.
- Expect students, parents, teachers and staff to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen for all high risk times such as outdoor play, activities and excursions.
- Inform parents during student enrolment and in newsletters and the website of the kindergarten’s Sun Protection Policy

Implementation
Kimba Community Kindergarten will implement our sun protection policy through curriculum, behaviour patterns and the environment.

- This policy is to be implemented from the 1st September until 30th April, and at other times when the UV rating is 3 and above.
- When the UV rating is 3 and above, a combination of sun protection measures will be used including hats, sunscreen, protective clothing, sunglasses and seeking shade as outlined below.
- When the UV is below 3, staff and students are not required to wear sun protection to enable them to receive vitamin D.
- This policy is for implementation onsite and offsite during excursions.
- Staff and children are encouraged to check UV daily via www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv.

Curriculum
Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the appropriate key learning areas of the kindergarten curriculum.
Access the health services to provide information and learning sessions for children. Teachers and ECW’s to have access to up-to-date information on skin cancer and its prevention. Current information is available by calling Cancer Council of SA (131120)

Behaviour
Each child is provided with a hat by the kindy on enrolment. This hat remains at kindy.

- Hats will be broad-brimmed providing protection for the face, neck and ears.
- Students are to wear appropriate hat when outdoors between 1st September and 30th April and when the UV is above 3.
- When the UV is below 3 children and staff are encouraged to remove their hats for vitamin D.
- Appropriate sun protective clothing is to be worn by children and staff including tops with collars and elbow length sleeves and longer style shorts and dresses—no singlet or midriff tops are allowed.
• We provide and promote the use of broad spectrum water resistant SPF 30+ or higher sunscreen. Sunscreen will be applied 15-20 min before going outdoors and every two hours or more frequently if involved in water activities or perspiring. Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen before they attend kindergarten in the morning.
• With parent consent, children with naturally very dark skin are not required to wear sunscreen for vitamin D requirements.
• Educate the students in the correct application of sunscreen.
• All students are to be protected during outdoor activities.
• Maximise the use of indoor and shaded facilities and plan for outdoor activities to occur outside the peak UV times.
• Appropriate sun smart behaviour including hats, sunscreen, protective clothing, sunglasses and seeking shade will be modelled by teachers and parents to reinforce the policy.
• Students will be sent to a shaded area, or inside, if they are not appropriately protected.
• Babies under 12 months in Occasional Care are to be kept out of direct sunlight and protected by shade, clothing, and hats.
• All students will eat their lunches indoors.

We initiate and implement our Skin Cancer prevention strategies throughout the kindergarten in the interests of student and staff health and in the development of a healthy environment.

Environment
Kimba Community Kindergarten provides sufficient natural and built shaded areas for all students and staff to be protected. Shade is supplied over fixed play areas and a temporary shade structure is available if we require other areas to be shaded for learning activities.
When weather is extreme children will remain indoors and excursions will be cancelled.

Sharing the policy
The centre policy will be reinforced through centre activities, displays and newsletters. New families and staff will be made aware of the policy through orientation, handbooks and the centre website.

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