Kimba Community Kindergarten Sun Protection Policy
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Increase student, parent, caregiver and community awareness of skin cancer
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
Students, parents, teachers and staff are to wear protective clothing, hats and sunscreen for high risk times such as outdoor play and activities.
Inform parents during student enrolment and in newsletters of the kindergarten’s Sun Protection Policy

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

Curriculum
Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs into the appropriate key learning areas of the kindergarten curriculum.
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
All students are required to wear a hat when outdoors. 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 during Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4. In Term 2 and 3 wearing of hats is dependent on length of time out of doors and UV levels. Hat wearing is not necessary before 10.00 am in these terms as exposure of hands, face and arms to sunlight provides necessary vitamin D during winter months.
Appropriate sun protective clothing is to be worn – no singlet or midriff tops are allowed.
We provide and promote the use of broad spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen in Term 1 & 4 and when outdoors for long periods of time in the other terms and it is deemed necessary.
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 of the high risk UV times.
Appropriate sun smart behaviour 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, including over play areas, at our kindergarten for all students and staff to be protected.
When weather is extreme children will remain indoors and excursions will be cancelled.

Review
This policy will be reviewed every two years by staff and parents.

Due for review in 2014