The John Francis Clark Memorial Kindergarten

Sunsafe Policy 1998 Revised 2010

Reasons for developing this Policy:
1. Because research shows that there may be a link between sunburn in childhood and melanomas in adulthood.
2. Outdoor activities are part of a child’s day, and skin protection measures must become a part of their daily routine.
3. Ultraviolet radiation levels are highest between 10am and 2pm (or 11am and 3pm during daylight saving), when children are at kindergarten.

The Policy
1. Children will wear sun safe hats (broad-brimmed or Legionnaire style with no strings, offering face and neck protection) whenever they play outdoors in Terms 1 & 4.
   NO HAT, NO PLAY OUTSIDE IN TERM 1 & 4.
2. Children who do not have hats will not be allowed outside to play.
3. On very hot days, or when U.V. readings are high, only indoor or verandah activities will be provided.
4. Staff will promote sun safety with the children as part of the learning program.
5. We will encourage children to drink water more frequently by reminding them, and providing accessible water for drinking.
6. Staff will be positive role models who practice skin protection behaviours, by wearing hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activity. We will remind children to wear their hats.
7. Parents will be asked to provide a named, sun safe hat which shades their child’s head, neck and ears.
8. Parents will be asked to clothe their child in shirts and tops which protect from the sun, eg with collars and sleeves.
9. Parents will be asked to apply 15+ broad spectrum sunscreen on their child before kindergarten. As this is effective for 3 hours, you child is adequately protected.

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