

Policy Statement

Mark Oliphant College Children's Centre aims to provide a healthy environment in which children will grow and be safe. Measures which prevent skin from harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun will be followed at all times.

Skin Protection

To ensure all children attending the preschool are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun, the following will apply:

- Children staff and volunteers are required to wear a hat whenever they are outside (when UV 3 or above). Broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaires styled hats are encouraged. Spare hats are available for children.
- Children, staff and volunteers are required to wear clothing which covers their shoulders and the tops of their arms. The centre will provide appropriate sun protective clothing when necessary.
- Activities will be planned under the shaded areas (sand pit, bark chips, veranda, swings) during times of high UV ratings (UV rating 6+). Sunscreen (SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant) and a hat is required when the UV rating is 3+.
- Age appropriate information on skin protection is included in the learning program. Staff will role model safe practices and promote a positive attitude toward sun protection. Sun safe practices will be integrated into our morning and lunch routine (application of sunscreen, suitable hat and clothing).
- When enrolling their child, families will be informed about the sun safety policy, and asked to provide a suitable hat (Occasional Care) and clothing. Preschool children are provided with a bucket hat. If a child has an allergy to the Centre's sunscreen, families are asked to provide their own sunscreen.
- Babies (under 12 months of age) should be kept out of the direct sunlight as much as possible and always protected by shade, clothing and hats. Sunscreen should be applied to small areas of exposed skin.
- Families are encouraged to supply sunglasses for children to wear outdoors – children will learn the benefits of protecting eyes from harmful UV rays.

References – Cancer Council of South Australia

Revision Register

<i>Version Number</i>	<i>Details of Changes Made</i>	<i>Date Issued</i>
2		April 2015
3	Centre provides bucket hats on enrolment to preschoolers	April 2016
4	Provision of sunglasses	May 2017
5	Sunglasses to be provided by families o/c provides own hat from home, volunteers included.	Marc 2019