

## HOT WEATHER POLICY

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### Policy Statement

The Kindergarten will provide a safe and comfortable environment for the children and minimize the risk of heat illness for children and adults.

### Rationale

Young children are at a greater risk of suffering from heat illness than adults. Children can find it difficult to respond to environmental heat and require adult support and supervision to manage health and activity.

### Kindergarten Curriculum

The program includes :

- sun safety
- healthy nutrition and frequent drinking of water

### Policy Requirement

#### **Kindergarten**

- choice of outside activities determined by staff according to sun, heat, humidity and wind
- outside teacher to determine play areas in review of ground and play equipment surface temperatures
- outside activities undertaken in shaded areas
- clean, fresh drinking water available
- outside play only with appropriate hats (see also SunSafe Policy)
- review policy every 2 years

#### **Parents**

- adhere to SunSafe Policy (clothing, hat, drinking bottles)
- provision of child's own bottle of water
- awareness about children arriving/departing site during high heat risk times between 10am and 2pm

### References

Childcare Licensing and Standards  
DECD Guidelines for developing a Preschool Hot Weather Policy  
National Quality Standards  
Cancer Council  
Prospect Kindergarten SunSafe Policy  
[www.decd.sa.gov.au/policy/pages/OSPP/policy\\_index](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/policy/pages/OSPP/policy_index)

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