



## Angle Vale Preschool SUNSMART POLICY

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Angle Vale Preschool will ensure that all children attending the Centre are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun and are educated in all aspects of appropriate sun safety. When the UV level reaches 3 (moderate) or higher, it is deemed strong enough to cause damage to unprotected skin.

### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

<b>Philosophy:</b>	To promote among children, staff and families positive attitudes towards skin protection and lifestyle practices, which can help, reduce the incidence of skin cancer.
<b>Legislation</b>	Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010; Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011; Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA); Quality Improvement and National Quality Standards – QA2
<b>Children</b>	Need protection from the sun and harmful rays particularly from August to April; instruction about sun safety and correct application of sunscreen; appropriate clothing and sun protection.
<b>Parents</b>	Need to feel confident that their child/children are adequately protected from the sun when required. Parents are encouraged to co-operate in maintaining sun awareness at home and providing adequate sun protection and measure for their children. Will be supplied with all relevant SunSmart information and site policy in their welcome pack. Permission will be sought on enrolment for the application of sunscreen.
<b>Staff</b>	Need to be responsible for appropriate sun protection including sunscreen, hats, clothing, and shade; clear guidelines and instructions with regard to enforcing the Sun Safe policy; to adhere to policies to achieve Sun Smart centre accreditation.
<b>Management</b>	Need staff to maintain appropriate levels of sun awareness and to follow sun protection policies. Will ensure sun protection information and the site sun policy is promoted to the whole community including staff, volunteers and families through newsletters, the centre website, social media platforms, staff meetings and enrolment packs. Will ensure this policy is applied while onsite and engaging in offsite excursions.

### **HOW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED (Specific Policies & Procedures):**

#### **Children**

- Will be supplied a bucket legionnaires hat upon enrolment, which is kept onsite for daily use. Baseball caps are not acceptable.
- They are given the opportunity to apply their own sunscreen

- Will be required to wear bucket hats when they are outside from August to April and when the UV index is 3 and above
- Those who do not have their bucket hat or appropriate clothing will be asked to play in an area protected from the direct sun or offered the option of wearing a spare hat and/or spare clothing
- Apply sunscreen themselves under adult supervision as required

### **Parents**

- Will be encouraged to apply an appropriate sunscreen at the beginning of each day, either before arrival at kindy or on arrival using an SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen provided by themselves or the kindy
- Are recommended to provide children with appropriate clothing such as tops with collars and elbow length sleeves, no singlets allowed. Optional polo-shirt is available for purchase
- Are encouraged to wear appropriate sun protective hats, clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen and seek shade whilst at kindy and when joining us on excursions

### **Staff**

- For work health and safety and role modelling are required to wear a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires hat, sun protection clothing, apply SPF 50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen and seek shade whenever possible when outside from August to April and when the UV index is 3 and above. Sunglasses are encouraged but are not required
- Have access to SPF 50+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen at all times
- Encourage children to reapply sunscreen at 11.30am before outdoor play, as required
- Use available areas of shade for outdoor activities as much as possible and actively encourage children to play in the shade.
- Take care during peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are held in the shade.
- Will monitor daily sun protection times and the maximum UV index forecast each morning using the SunSmart App and implement this policy when the index is forecast to be 3 and above
- Will reinforce and promote Sun Smart behaviour to children, and families
- Will be informed of the Sun Smart policy during induction
- Educators will support children to apply sunscreen as required
- Will incorporate sun protection into the learning framework and planned experiences.

### **Students, Volunteers and Visitors**

- Will be encouraged to wear appropriate sun protection hats, clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen and seek shade while at the kindy and when joining us on excursions

### **The environment**

- An assessment of available shade will be undertaken each year to ensure adequate shaded areas are available for play. This includes permanent and temporary shelters and the planting of trees