

# BALHARRY MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN AND RURAL CARE SUN PROTECTION POLICY

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*NQS link: Quality Area 2 Children's health and safety*

## PROCEDURES

- During Term1 and 4, hats, protective clothing and sunscreen will be required to be worn outside by staff and children every day. During terms 2 and 3, staff and children will be required to wear hats and sunscreen when the UV forecast is at or above Level 3.
- SPF 30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen will be applied to all exposed body parts throughout the day before going outside. For kindergarten children, parents should apply sunscreen in the morning and staff will reapply prior to play outdoors, after lunch. For Rural care children, parents will be encouraged to apply sunscreen before or on arrival to the Centre and notify staff if sunscreen has not been applied. Rural care staff will reapply sunscreen, as necessary, according to directions, throughout the day.
- Parents should supply sunscreen for children with sensitive skin.
- Parents are encouraged to dress their children in appropriate protective clothing. This includes broad brimmed hats or bucket hats (bucket hats should have a minimum 5cm brim for children under 5 and 6cm for older children and adults) and tops with collars and sleeves. Polo tops with the kindergarten or rural care logo are available for purchase. Singlet tops and sundresses are not suitable clothing for sun protection.
- On high UV days (Level 3 and above) we will endeavour to provide outdoor activities in protected/shaded areas.
- Parents will be requested to provide a named hat every day for their children's use in outdoor activities.
- Staff will model positive skin protection behaviour by wearing hats, sunscreen and appropriate clothing for outdoor experiences.
- On orientation, staff and parents/carers will be informed of the sun protection policy.
- The Centre will incorporate sun protection awareness in the teaching programs.
- Parents will be provided with information about skin cancer and sun protection. (as available)

**This policy will operate throughout the year and will be reviewed annually, based on information provided by the Cancer Council SA. [www.cancersa.org.au](http://www.cancersa.org.au)**

### Sources

DECS Sun protection policies  
Cancer Council SA