



Sun Smart Procedure

Protective Clothing & Shade Provision

- All students are expected to wear sun-smart hats when they are outside in the sun during the period of January-May and August-September. A sun-smart hat is a broad-brimmed hat, bucket hat, or legionnaire's cap.
- Due to the dangers of choking associated with the cords on some hats the school recommends that these cords are removed from the hats unless they have a release function in the hat.
- Students who do not wear a sun-smart hat during play times will be directed to the shaded undercover area in front of the library (except during June and July). This reinforces our procedure of 'no hat – play in the shade'.
- Due to the low levels of ultraviolet radiation in Canberra during the winter months the ACT Cancer Council does not recommend sun protection during June and July. Students will not be redirected to sit in the shade during these months.
- All tops worn at school will need to have sleeves. Students will not be permitted to play outside if they are wearing singlets or shirts with cut off sleeves.
- All staff will be encouraged to wear protective clothing when outside in the sun and to act as good role models.
- During school sports carnivals or other outdoor activities that may involve volunteers/visitors, the school will inform the visitors of our sun protection procedures and encourage them to act as good role models by practising sun protection behaviour. This will be done via the newsletter or when advertising the upcoming event.

Sunscreen

- Appropriate SPF 30+ sunscreen is provided by the preschool. Parents are encouraged to supply their own sun cream or supply the sunscreen provided by the preschool before they leave their child at the school.
- Children are supervised by the preschool staff when applying sunscreen at school.

Outdoor Activities

- During extreme hot weather, children remain inside.



- The school has a large number of large established trees that provide ample shade. Students will be encouraged to use these trees as play areas to avoid the sun.
- The preschool outdoor program is adapted in accordance with the weather (e.g. in summer the outdoor program is earlier in the day and during winter it is later in the day).

Education, Communication & Evaluation

- Parents will be informed of the Sun Protection Policy when they enrol their child at Weetangera School.
- The school will ensure that the information on sun protection procedures will be conveyed to new staff when they commence at the school and to relief teachers at the commencement of employment.
- Where a student consistently refuses to practice sun protection procedures the school will communicate with a parent/carer via a phone call or note home.
- The school will review the Sun Protection Policy regularly to ensure it complies with any new guidelines that may be published by the ACT Education and Training Directorate or by the ACT Cancer Council.

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