



BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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Sun Safe Policy

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world, with skin cancers accounting for around 80% of all new cancers diagnosed in each year in Australia (Cancer Council South Australia, March 2005). The Belair Primary School OSHC Sun Protection policy is to ensure all children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the sun while attending the service. Too little exposure results in a lack of vitamin D and too much exposure results in sunburn, eye damage and cancer.

Policy Statement

The Belair Primary School OSHC service provides a balanced approach to ultraviolet radiation exposure. This approach will follow the current scientific advice on UV exposure and provide children and staff with the opportunity for safe and protective UV exposure related to the UV index and will be seasonal in nature.

- OSHC encourages the use of sun-smart techniques as outlined in the Cancer Council SA Sun Smart policy.
- Staff and children will be required to wear an OSHC hat (purchased for \$10.00 at enrolment) whenever they are involved in outside activities from 9:00 am during After School Care Term 1 and 4, and during Vacation Care in December/January, April and October.
- During December/January, April and October Vacation Cares, children will not be able to participate in any excursions or outside play activities unless they wear an OSHC Hat, T-shirt, and sun-screen (a rashie during water activities).
- Children wearing inappropriate clothing and/or footwear e.g. (footwear) thongs/slip-ons, (clothing) tank-top or sleeveless tops, will be excluded from all outdoor activities (at the discretion of the Director).
- Staff are to remind, encourage and assist (if needed) children to regularly apply sunscreen every 2 hours (on arrival, morning recess – 11.00am, lunch – 1.00pm and afternoon recess – 3.00pm).
- Staff are to model the sun safe practices by not wearing inappropriate clothing and/or footwear e.g. (footwear) thongs/slip-ons, (clothing) tank-tops, sleeveless tops or dresses or short shorts.
- Staff are to model good sun safe practices by wearing an OSHC hat and by regularly applying sun-block.
- Staff are to encourage children to take responsibility for their own sun protection.
- Staff are to program for both shade and sun activities.
- The OSHC service ensures that families, staff and children are informed about the service's sun-smart policy.

Relationship

Regulations	National Quality Standard	Other policies/Service documentation	Other legislation/Guidelines
168	2.3		OHS&W Act/Regulations
114		Child-safe Environment Policy	
249 (2) Transitional arrangements for shade		Sun protection policy is included in both staff and family packages	

Resources

The Cancer Council South Australia (March 2005) *Early Childhood News Bulletin*