

## 2(b) Health and Safety - Sun Protection

### Purpose

While at OSHC, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision of children occurs at all times to ensure children are protected from harm and hazard. This includes sun protection.

The OSHC service will have systems in place to manage the risks associated with exposure to the sun.

### Scope

NQF Quality Area 2	Children's Health and Safety
Standard 2.2 Safety	Element 2.1.2 Supervision
NQF Quality Area 7	Governance & Leadership
Standard 7.1 Governance	Element 7.1.2 Management Systems

### Process/guidelines

The OSHC service has a duty of care to ensure all persons are provided with a high level of sun protection when the UV level reaches 3 or above.

The UV exposure while at OSHC will be related to the UV index and will be seasonal in nature.

These procedures aim to be consistent with the school's Sun Smart policy.

It, therefore:

- Requires educators to model good sun-safe practices.
- Encourages children to take responsibility for their sun protection.
- Provides children ready access to broad-brimmed hats, sunscreen, and places to play in the sun and shade.
- Ensures the service is mindful of programmed outdoor activities that occur during the peak UV periods of the day and endeavour to limit these activities and conduct them in shaded areas or schedule them to occur early in the day.
- As per the school's policy, once the temperature reaches 36 degrees, children will play inside.
- In the months of June, July and August, provide opportunities for children to be exposed to ultra-violet radiation to boost their levels of Vitamin D.

### Roles and responsibilities

The Director will be responsible for:

- Monitoring the UV rating and consequent decision making about planned activities.
- Ensuring all children can access a hat.
- Ensuring that all children can have access to sunscreen.
- Ensuring that the sunscreen provided is within the use-by date.

### Monitor, report and review

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### Resource Documents

- NPS school Sun Smart policy – available on request from the school.
- Sun Smart website <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>