



DUNTROON COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

1. RATIONALE

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. There are four factors which contribute to this:

- a. the population is predominately fair skinned,
- b. ultra violet light/ray from the sun is of sufficient intensity to induce skin cancer,
- c. for most of this century social values have supported the belief that a suntan is healthy and attractive, and
- d. lifestyle, work, school and recreational habits expose people to the sun for long periods.

2. SUNSCREEN

It is the responsibility of all staff members to apply sunscreen whilst working outside.

It is the responsibility of all parents to apply sunscreen to their children before signing them in. At no time will staff be responsible for applying sunscreen to a child.

3. CLOTHING

All staff, parents and children are encouraged to wear broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style sunhats with a deep crown that provides sun protection for the face, neck and ears, whilst outside. Children not wearing an appropriate hat will be expected to use a hat from the spare set of hats kept for that purpose. The wearing of hats is implemented from the beginning of August to the end of May. Staff and children are encouraged to wear appropriate sun protective clothing.

4. SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES

Staff and children will be encouraged to use available shade whenever outdoors. Children and staff will be encouraged to play under the verandah and shade structures. The Committee will continue to work towards the further development of permanent shade structures in the playground. As shade patterns change over the day/month/season staff plan and locate outdoor play experiences in shady areas.

