Sun and Heat Protection Policy

Moana Kindergarten will promote sun and heat protection among the students, staff and parents.

**Rationale**
"Skin Cancer rates are higher in Australia than anywhere else in the world. It is the most common form of cancer in Australia affecting all age groups."
From The Cancer Council S.A.

To achieve this we will endeavour to implement the following ideals:
- Positive action towards skin protection
- Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths
- Personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection
- Personal responsibility for behaviour choices during days of extreme heat

**Implementation**
This policy is to apply between September 1st and 30th April when temperatures and UV levels are highest.

**NO HAT NO PLAY**

**Parents MUST**- provide a sunsafe broadbrim hat, or legionaires cap
- apply sunscreen on their child prior to them attending the centre
- provide sunsafe clothing, eg. No singlet tops
- provide a drinking bottle containing water

Staff will oversee:
- children staying for a full day applying 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen, at least 20mins prior to going outside in the afternoons
- the wearing of sunsafe hats for outside play If a child does not bring a hat, a spare one will be provided which the parents need to wash and return within 7 days. If hats are not returned parents will be invoiced
- the drinking of plenty of water (children's water bottles will be refilled and other water supplied if bottle is missing)
- appropriate activities are provided inside and in the shade
- appropriate engagement with activities, restricting vigorous exercise

*If parents choose to supply their own sunscreen it must be clearly named and kept in the medical cupboard NOT in the child's bag. Children with allergies to some sunscreens are encouraged to do this*

**Curriculum**
Sun and heat protection behaviours are modelled by staff and taught explicitly.

Endorsed by Governing Council