Sun Safe Policy
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In response to recent research which details some medical problems re children becoming deficient in Vitamin D, the Governing Council voted to change the current Sun Safe policy to reflect the Cancer Council SA recommendations – being that UV radiation is generally 3 and under between April 30 and September 1 each year (which is deemed a safe exposure level). Hence The Clarendon Kindergarten policy has been updated to reflect this community concern. Therefore hats will not be required to be worn between April 30 and September 1 each year. This updated policy replaces the 1999 policy.

**POLICY**

- Parents are encouraged to apply 30+ sunscreen to their children prior to arrival at kindergarten. Sunscreen is available at kindergarten for parents to use if they have forgotten (see staff member).
- Hats are to be worn from **1st September to 30th April each year**. Children without hats during this time will be re-directed to indoor play spaces.
- Children staying on for lunch/full day will be supervised by staff to reapply their sun screen. At other times of the year, parents can request sunscreen to be reapplied at lunch time – please see staff who will add them to their lunch-list.
- Outdoor activities where possible, will be held in shady areas.
- The kindergarten will incorporate sun and skin awareness activities into teaching programs.
- Staff will be positive role models who practice sun safe behaviours. This will mean that:
  - Staff will be required to wear hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities, and
  - Staff will be expected to use and direct children to shaded areas in all possible instances.
- On enrolment of their children, parents will be:
  - Informed of the Sun Smart Policy,
  - Requested to apply sunscreen prior to the commencement of each session, and if necessary, arrange with staff for further applications at lunch time.
  - Requested to provide a hat during the months September 1st to April 30th.
  - Requested to clothe their children in tops with sleeves and collars.
  - Encouraged to practice sun safe behaviours themselves as positive role models for their children.

If you have any queries, please see the Director.