

Sun Protection Policy

At Laura Primary School B-7 we believe that Sun Protection is important. We encourage staff, families and students to be sun-smart with the following actions.

Whole Site Actions:

1. No hat, play in the shade

It is mandatory for children, students and staff to wear hats all year round; hats must be legionnaire or broad-brimmed. Children and students without hats during this time will be directed to play in the shade.

2. Clothing

We encourage children to wear appropriate clothing, including collars and sleeves.

3. Curriculum

Preschool Centre and primary H&PE lessons will incorporate sun-smart activities and where possible, be conducted during the cooler parts of the day.

4. Swimming

We expect that students wear t-shirts or rash shirts when swimming.

5. Sunscreen

We support the use of approved Anti-Cancer Foundation sunscreen supplied by Laura Primary School. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before break times and children in Preschool Centre programs will have sunscreen applied 20 minutes before outside play and reapplied every 2 hours (when the UV rating is over 3). Teachers and educators will supervise children when applying their sunscreen.

6. Extreme Temperatures

In cases of extreme temperatures (38°C), students will be permitted to play and eat inside during break times and time outdoors will be limited.

Preschool Centre Specific Actions:

7. Access to the outdoors in extreme temperatures

Children's access to the outdoors will be limited during high UV rating days (10am to 3pm) and use of shaded areas increased during these times when experiences are planned for outside. This is also considered when planning excursions.

8. Planning for adequate shade

Preschool leadership will review the adequacy of shaded areas (shade structures and trees) when changes to the outdoor environment occur.

9. Promotion of SunSmart message

The SunSmart message will be promoted through newsletters, family information brochures and planned learning experiences. SunSmart information will be included in welcome packs for new families and consent to apply sunscreen will be included in those welcome packs.

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Links to National Quality Standard (NQS)

Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety	
2.2	Each child is protected
2.2.1	Children are adequately supervised at all times
2.2.2	Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury
2.2.3	Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultations with relevant authorities, practices and implemented

Links to Education and Care Services National Regulations and Law

Education and Care Services National Regulations	
114	Outdoor Space - Shade
168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

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