



**The Montessori School Kingsley Inc.**

## **SUN PROTECTION POLICY**

### Version Management

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The Montessori School aims to provide a safe and supportive environment for its staff and students. Due to Australia's high skin cancer rate, protection from the sun of both students and staff forms part of a school's duty of care.

**Purpose:**

The Montessori School's Sun Protection policy has been adopted to ensure that all students, staff and visitors attending The Montessori School are protected from skin damage caused by UV radiation from the sun. This policy is to be implemented when the forecast average monthly UV Index in our area is 3 or above (available from [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)). The sun protection practices outlined in this policy will be applied to all school activities, including excursions and camps.

**Policy:**

The Montessori School, will:

- Inform parents of this sun protection policy through the school website.
- Promote sun protection through notices in newsletters, school activities and staff meetings
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats when outside
- Direct students without a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat to stay in an area that is protected from the sun
- Require staff to wear broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats for all outdoor activities, including playground duty
- Encourage parents and guests to wear broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hats when participating in and attending outdoor school activities
- Require students to wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats, sun protective clothing and sunscreen for all camps, sports and excursions.
- Require staff and students to wear a swim (rash) top for swimming
- Ensure there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds for students and staff
- Encourage staff and students to use shaded or covered areas when outside
- Encourage the use of SPF 50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen by:
  - Encouraging students to apply sunscreen 20 minutes prior to school
  - Providing sunscreen in the classroom for school activities

**Resources :**

<https://www.cancerwa.asn.au/resources/publications/prevention/>  
<https://www.sunsmart.com.au>

**Related Documents:**

- Child Safety Policy
- Excursions Policy
- Camp Policy
- Overseas Trip Policy
- AISWA Policy and Procedures guidelines