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Education & Communities

Applying Sunscreen at Preschool

Parents/Carers,

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Research has indicated that young children and babies have sensitive skin that places them at particular risk of sunburn and skin damage. Exposure during the first 15 years of life can greatly increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Early Childhood Services play a major role in minimising a child's UV exposure as children attend times when UV radiation levels are highest.

At Coonamble Public School Preschool, we aim to protect all children and staff from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. We avoid outdoor areas between 10am-2pm in summer, we encourage children to wear sun safe clothing, play in the shade, wear a hat and apply sunscreen.

Sunscreen is an excellent way to protect our children from the sun, however, it can take 20 minutes to sink in and become effective. As we play outside in the mornings, we would appreciate families applying sunscreen prior to arriving at preschool. Though we understand that this is not always possible and we are happy to provide sunscreen for you to apply to your child.

During the afternoon sessions the preschool children engage in outdoor play and also require sunscreen during this time. Coonamble Public School Preschool provide Cancer Council, Everyday Sunscreen, SPF30+ or Amcal Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50+ for all children and support children in applying it. If you would like your child to have their own sunscreen, it must be clearly labeled with your child's name on it and we will happily support your child to apply it.

Please fill in the attached slip to give permission for your child to have sunscreen applied.

Regards,

Leanne McMaster
Preschool Teacher

Carolyn Jones
Preschool Assistant Principal

I _____ (Parent/Carer's name), give permission for my child _____ (Child's name) to have the Cancer Council, Everyday Sunscreen, SPF30+ or Amcal Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50+, provided by Coonamble Public School Preschool, applied to their exposed skin.

Parent/Carer's signature

Date