

Hot Weather & Extreme Conditions Policy

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Rationale

Grove Kindergarten has a duty of care to students and staff to ensure their comfort safety and welfare. This includes adequate protection against hot weather and/or extreme climate condition. This policy seeks to ensure that a planned management strategy is in place that will cater for a broad range of circumstances.

All site leaders have a duty of care to behave in a manner that ensures no foreseeable harm befalls an individual under their care as a result of negligence on their part.

- The objects of the Children's Services Act 1985 are upheld
- The requirements of the National Quality Standards are met.

On days of extreme heat and/or extreme climate conditions, students and staff are encouraged to take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety and that of others in the preschool.

Strategies to reduce the risk of heat illness in young children:

SHADE: Activities conducted in periods of hot weather are to be undertaken in shaded areas

DRINKS: Children are to be frequently offered water or fluids. Drinking water is to be accessible to children at all times.

CLOTHING: Parents are encouraged to dress children in clothing that will minimise heat gain such as layers that can be easily removed, and of a type that is sun safe. Parents are to provide a broad-brimmed or legionnaire-style hat.

SUNSCREEN: Parents are asked to put sunscreen on their child in the morning and provide a roll-on sunscreen (named and left at kindergarten) for the child to independently apply at lunch time.

FOOD: Parents are encouraged to pack food in insulated containers with a freezer brick. The preschool will provide a cool place to store children's lunches and afternoon snacks.

Strategies to reduce the risk of injury in storm including high winds and/or hail:

COVER: Adults are to direct children to cover, preferably under the verandah or inside the building.

Document Review History

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DECD guidelines for developing a hot weather policy