Sun Protection Policy

Policy Statement:
Children living in Australia are at risk of developing skin cancer, as we have the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. As the kindergarten is air conditioned, we are opened in extreme weather conditions.

Context:
The outdoor area at Glandore Kindergarten offers both natural shade and shade cloth over most play areas.

At Glandore Kindergarten, staff aim to:
- Assist children to be aware of the need for skin protection through group learning activities
- Help them to learn ways of protecting their skin
- Take action to protect children from sun damage while at kindergarten.
- Work with parents to protect children from skin cancer.
- Be role models for children by using sun protection.

In terms 1 and 4
Children and staff are required to bring a hat.

Suitable hats should be either
- Broad Brimmed Hat
- Bucket Hat
- Legionnaires Hat

Examples are available

Implementation:
Outdoor activities will be set out in shady areas where ever possible
During term 1 and 4 children and staff are required to wear a hat. Staff will remind and assist children to get their hats and keep them on.
If they do not have a hat children will play under the verandah, in the sand pit or inside.
A reminder note will be sent to parents

If parents send a hat at other times of the year, children will be encouraged to wear it.

Sunscreen
Is applied in Term 1 and Term 4
On enrolment, we will seek permission to apply sunscreen.
After lunch staff will apply sunscreen to each child. We supply the sun screen.
If your child requires a special sunscreen, please supply it.
Notify staff if you have a reason why we should not apply sunscreen e.g an allergy. We need to document this information.
We encourage parents to apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to kindergarten

Clothing
Children and staff may wear protective eye wear if they wish
Parents are encouraged to dress children in loose fitting and comfortable clothing during summer, but avoid strapless backless tops and dresses and singlets

This policy was implemented in March 2012 and will be reviewed in March 2013