(17) SUN PROTECTION POLICY

The Beehive Montessori School Inc. is committed to offering students and staff reasonable protection from the dangers of exposure to the sun.

**Rationale**

“As Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer.” The Cancer Council of Western Australia.

As our students and staff are at School during times when UV radiation levels are highest, we can play a major role in minimising our UV exposure.

**Objective**

To minimise UV exposure for our students and staff by being a “Sun Smart” School.

**Levels of Responsibility**

**Hats:**
Students are required to:
- wear the School’s broad brim hat or School’s legionnaire hat in Term 1 and Term 4 when outdoors. **No sun-safe hat .... No play policy will apply.**
- leave their hats at School and used as required in Term 2 and Term 3 at the teacher’s discretion.

Staff are also required to wear hats in Term 1 and Term 4.
Levels of Responsibility (cont’d)

Sunscreen:
• All students and staff are encouraged to use the daily application of sunscreen before coming to School, before recess and lunch, before sport and any outdoor activities.
• Teachers will supervise the application of sun screen in Junior Primary.
• Sunscreen will be available in every classroom.
• Children will be encouraged to apply it when involved in an outdoor activity.

Curriculum:
Children are taught sun-safe practices as part of their health education, these are to:
• wear a suitable sun-safe hat.
• use sunscreen.
• wear appropriate sun-safe clothing.
• make use of the shade available.

Children will:
• be aware of the School’s Sun Protection Policy and take responsibility.
• help design and update the Sun Protection Policy.
• act as positive role models for other students.

Activity

• The Sun Protection Policy is to be reviewed two yearly.