Casino Public School - Djanenjam Preschool



Localised Procedure

Sun Protection

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Education and care services regulation/s	NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines	Preschool Handbook reference	School policy or procedure, where applicable
<u>Regulation 168 (2)(a)</u> Regulation 114	 The following department policy can be accessed from the preschool section of the department's website; Student Health in NSW Public Schools: A summary and consolidation of policy PD/2004/0034/V01 	Children's Health and Safety. Pg. 42	

Resources accessible from the preschool section of the department's website;

- NSW Cancer Council Australia Sun safety provides information and recommendations about sun safety practices
- Policies in practice: Sun protection Early childhood resource hub

Children generally attend preschool at a time of day when the UV rating is at its highest. Casino Public School – Djanenjam Preschool meets the guidelines of the Cancer Council NSW that aims to improve the health of children and staff by reducing their risks of skin damage and skin cancer.

- Our preschool outdoor spaces include adequate shaded areas to protect children from overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- In the months from October to March, sun protection (hats, protective clothing, sunscreen and shade) is needed and consideration will be given to the amount of time children spend outdoors between 11 am and 3 pm.
- In the months from April to September, sun protection is needed when children are outside between 10 am and 2 pm. Outdoor activities can be scheduled to take place at any time in accordance with Ultraviolet Radiation Index.
- Sun protection will be included in the preschool's learning programs. When parents enrol their children they will be informed about the preschool's sun protection procedures. At this time they will be encouraged to discuss any special requirements their child may have with sun protection (including allergies) with our preschool teacher.

- At family partnership meetings or upon enrolment sun safety is discussed. We let families
 know that we will supply sunscreen. Parents/carers sign a permission note that states the
 brand of sunscreen used. If families do not want their child to use that particular brand of
 sunscreen, they will supply the brand they wish their child to use. Children who do not use
 our sunscreen are displayed on a poster at the sunscreen station as you enter the outdoor
 learning environment.
- For any planned excursions or outdoor experiences consideration is given to outdoor times, shade, clothing and sunscreen and communicated to families.
- Families are asked to apply sunscreen to their child on arrival to preschool and mark on the sign-on register if sunscreen has been applied. Staff will then assist children to re-apply sunscreen before entering the outdoor learning space.
- Educators promote sun safe procedure by wearing sun safe clothing, hats and applying sunscreen before entering the outdoor learning space.