



# OOSH SUN PROTECTION POLICY & PROCEDURES

O24

## 1. Policy Information

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## 2. Overview

Toongabbie Christian College (the 'College') Out of School Hours (OOSH/the 'Service') acknowledges the importance of sun protection for children.

The World Health Organisation has cautioned that 'children's UV exposure should be carefully limited because they are in a dynamic state of growth and therefore more susceptible to environmental threats than adults. Many vital functions such as the immune system are not fully developed at birth, and unsafe environments may interfere with their normal development' ([who.int/health-topics/ultraviolet-radiation#tab=tab\\_2](https://www.who.int/health-topics/ultraviolet-radiation#tab=tab_2)).

This policy is also implemented for excursions and incursions.

This document is available to parents/carers in the Parent Area.

## 3. Policy

### 3.1 General Principles

- 3.1.1 The Service aims to ensure all children and educators are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation, support duty of care requirements and support appropriate WHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for children, educators and visitors.
- 3.1.2 We aim to take a well-considered approach to sun protection in our Service that empowers children to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
- 3.1.3 All educators should model appropriate sun protection behaviours and enforce the College's *OOSH Sun Protection Policy & Procedures*.
- 3.1.4 We aim to ensure that all children in attendance at the Service will follow sun protection procedures.

## 4. Procedures

### 4.1 Sunscreen

- 4.1.1 The Service supplies SPF30+ (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for children and educator use and children will apply the sunscreen upon arrival and reapply after 2 hours.
  - 4.1.1.a This does not apply in the case of wet weather conditions.
- 4.1.2 Children are reminded to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

4.1.3 Sunscreen is stored in a cool place, out of the sun and the expiry date is monitored.

#### 4.2 Programs

- 4.2.1 Programs include activities periodically to make them aware of sun safety and protection.
- 4.2.2 Routines in preparing for outdoor activities include information regarding the importance of sun protection etc.

#### 4.3 Clothing

- 4.3.1 The following procedures will be implemented when scheduling activities outdoors:
  - 4.3.1.a All children and educators must wear a hat whilst outdoors.
  - 4.3.1.b During Before and After School Care, students will be wearing their College uniform.
  - 4.3.1.c During Vacation Care, children will be encouraged to wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves, collars or covered necklines.

#### 4.4 Outdoor Activities

- 4.4.1 Outdoor activities can take place at any time as long as sun protection (hats, clothing, sunscreen, shade) is used.

#### 4.5 Shade

- 4.5.1 The College ensures there are sufficient shelters providing shade in outdoor areas particularly in high-use areas eg sand pit, basketball court.
  - 4.5.1.a During Summer Vacation Care, additional gazebos are made available.
- 4.5.2 The availability of shade is considered when planning all other outdoor activities.
- 4.5.3 During Vacation Care, students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.

#### 4.6 Families

- 4.6.1 Parents/Carers of children who have allergies to the sunscreen provided should supply their own sunscreen.
  - 4.6.1.a If a child does not have adequate sunscreen, they may be required to play in the shade.

### 5. References

- World Health Organisation
- Prepared in consultation with Becklyn

### 6. Considerations

Education and Care Services National Regulations	National Quality Standard	Other service policies/documentation	Other
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<p>R100, R113, R114, R160,, R162, R168, R170, R171, R172</p>	<p>QA2.1, QA2.2, QA2.2.1, QA3.1.1, QA3.3.1, QA3.3.2, QA6.1.1, QA6.1.3, QA7.1.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OOSH Communication with Families Policy &amp; Procedures</li> <li>• OOSH Dealing with Medical Conditions Policy &amp; Procedures</li> <li>• Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) 2011, Education and Care Services National Regulations</li> <li>• World Health Organisation</li> <li>• Cancer Council NSW - Sunsmart recommendations</li> <li>• My Time, Our Place - V2.0</li> </ul>
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