

## ELIZABETH EAST KINDERGARTEN

### HAT POLICY:

At Elizabeth East Kindergarten we value sun safety and skin protection therefore all children and staff require a hat when in the outdoor learning environment.

Hats must afford protection from the sun and will be required to be worn whenever in the outdoors. This includes moving out of the kindergarten environment to include short walks or excursions.

A hat is defined as headwear that provides sun protection. Beanies and sweater hoods do not meet Australian sun safety standards nor are recommended by the Education Department as suitable headwear for sun protection.

Children who arrive at the centre without a hat will not be able to access the outdoor learning environment regardless of the weather ie winter, heavy cloud, raining. These children will be able to access activities on the covered veranda or within the building. Hats will not be shared due to health and hygiene issues such as head lice.

It is the parent/caregivers responsibility to apply sunscreen before children arrive at the centre.

**Staff:** staff will model positive choices in regard to sun protection and are required to wear sun protection whenever in the outdoor environment

Sun safe hat: refers to hats with a broad brim, including legionaries designs, bucket hats etc