Rationale:
- Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:
- To educate students as to suitable sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:
- Children will be required to wear School Council approved school uniform and broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) from the 1st of September to 30th April whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats (at least 6cm rigid brim) when outside.
- Appropriate School Council approved school uniform hats for students will be readily available from the school office for purchase.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas. Children who habitually don’t bring a hat may be restricted from playing outside.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom, and on excursions. Sunscreen will generally be applied by students themselves. The use-by date of sunscreen will be monitored and replaced when necessary.
- Parents will notify the school if there are allergy concerns with sunscreens on their enrolment form (see Allergy Policy for further details).
- School Council also approves students wearing close fitting UV protection wrap around AS1067 sunglasses whenever they are outside.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days will be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart message.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
- Our school will seek accreditation as a Sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria at an appropriate time in the future.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s review cycle.

References: