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.

PURPOSE:
• 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:
• This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
• Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 8 cm rigid brim) during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
• Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
• Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas.
• Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+).
• Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
• The Parents and Friends Association will ensure that school uniform broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the uniform store.
• The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.
• Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

EVALUATION:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in…