RATIONALE
At Sunshine Primary school we have developed a Sunsmart policy that will ensure that all children attending our school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun.

AIMS
• To ensure that hats which protect the face, neck and ears are worn whenever outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions).
• To direct children who do not have hats with them to play in designated areas protected from the sun.
• To provide hats that satisfy Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria guidelines as part of the school uniform. ie legionnaires or broad brimmed hats.
• To provide SPF30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student use whenever possible.
• To encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
• To encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sunsmart behaviour.

IMPLEMENTATION
• To regularly reinforce Sunsmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parents meetings, students and teacher activities.
• To incorporate programs on the harmful effects of the sun.
• To schedule where possible outdoor activities such as PE sessions and sport in the morning before 11:00am.
• To organise outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
• To provide indoor activities on days of high risk.
• To preserve and care for the number of trees in our playground which provide shelter for the children.
• To maintain and extend if necessary the shelters which provide shade in our playground.
• Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.
• The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.

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