## 3.44 POLICY STATEMENT: Sun Protection

**AIM:**

Our SunSmart Policy has been developed to encourage all children attending this school to protect themselves from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

**GUIDELINES:**

**As part of general SunSmart strategies, our school will:**

**1. Behaviour:**

1. encourage all children and staff to always leave a bucket / legionnaire hat at school.
2. always have bucket or legionnaire school hats available for purchase from the General Office.
3. ensure that only children wearing suitable hats will be involved in any outdoor activity during Terms 1 and 4, such as sport, play, or physical education.
4. confine children not wearing bucket / legionnaire hats during Terms 1 and 4 to designated shaded areas in the piazza..
5. all students will be encouraged to wear bucket / legionnaire hats to and from school.
6. work with the parent community to encourage the use of SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen by children whenever possible.
7. encourage children to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities.
8. encourage children to wear long sleeved shirts during Terms 1 & 4.
9. encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.

NB. All staff to wear hats outside.

1. ensure that children wear bucket / legionnaire hats when attending outdoor excursions and sporting functions during Terms 1 and 4.

**2. Curriculum:**

1. incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
2. regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent

meetings, student and teacher activities.

**3. Environment:**

1. schedule outdoor activities before 11.00 am and after 2.30 pm during Terms 1 and 4 whenever possible. NB. Interschool Sport.
2. organise outdoor activities to be held in shaded areas during warm, sunny weather whenever possible.
3. maintain and improve areas of shelter, so as to provide adequate shade in the school

grounds. eg. Trees / Shade Shelters

**4. Monitoring & Evaluation:**

The Health & Physical Education Committee will meet regularly to assess the progress of our Sun Protection Policy.