RATIONAL:
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 students and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

IMPLEMENTATION:
- This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Cranbourne West Primary School Student Dress Code [Uniform Policy].
- Students 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 – include sports and PE sessions.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Students without broad brimmed hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Students 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 a.m.
- The School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable: particularly over high density play areas.
- The School Council 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.
- In line with DEECD guidelines, the Principal will advise staff, students and the wider school community that sun protection is not required during May to August [if UV levels are 1 or 2] to assist students maintain adequate vitamin D levels throughout the winter months.

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