Rowville Primary School
SunSmart Policy

PURPOSE
• To ensure that all students and staff maintain a healthy UV exposure balance.
• To encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.
• To encourage safe UV exposure whenever UV Index levels are below 3.
• To work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times.
• To assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
• To ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school’s SunSmart policy.

GUIDELINES
From September to April in Victoria when average UV Index levels reach 3 and above:
- The School Council will ensure shade is available in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate – for example, lunch areas, canteen, outdoor lesson areas.
- The School Council will ensure shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
- Processes for the planning of outdoor activities and excursions will include the consideration of shade.
- Students will be encouraged to use shade when outside particularly if they are not wearing appropriate hats or clothing.

IMPLEMENTATION
• Parents will be informed of the SunSmart Policy upon enrolment at the school.
• Maintain shade in the grounds, where possible, by building shelters and planting trees.
• All students are required to wear brimmed hats that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside from September to April. Baseball or peak caps are not considered appropriate.
• Provide parents with up-to-date SunSmart information through newsletters and parent meetings;
• Encourage all staff to act as positive role models for children in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour by:
  - wearing wide-brimmed hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities
  - using SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen
  - seeking shade whenever possible
  - wearing sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard (AS/NZS1067:2003)
  - Ensure that students not wearing hats play in the shaded areas.

Staff will:
• Practise SunSmart behaviour, as described above
• Enforce a 'no hat, no play' rule
• Encourage children to apply sunscreen (SPF 30+ 20 mins prior to outdoor activity) with sunscreen provided by parents
• Direct students to play in shaded areas where possible.

Parents/carers will:
• Provide their child with a Rowville Primary School wide-brimmed hat.
• Provide SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreens for their child’s use at school
• Act as positive role models by practising SunSmart behaviour.
• Supervise, encourage and remind their children to apply SPF30+ sunscreen at home before coming to school.

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

This policy was ratified at School Council on 22nd July 2015 and is due to be reviewed in July 2017