1. **PURPOSE:**

1.1 To encourage students, community and staff to be Sunsmart when outdoors and adopt and promote Sunsmart strategies.

1.2 To educate children and families about making responsible decisions about skin protection which will reduce children’s exposure to U.V. radiation, for their long term benefit.

2. **GUIDELINES:**

2.1 The Sunsmart Policy will be part of the Health and Physical Education Program.

2.2 New families, when enrolling students in our school will be made aware of our Sunsmart Policy through the Parent Information Booklet. All families currently enrolled at Rosedale Primary School will be made aware of this policy through newsletters.

2.3 Shade areas are provided and will be continually updated in the school grounds.

2.4 An effort will be made to timetable P.E. and Sport in the morning or to utilise the Stadium during dangerous U.V. times. When this is impractical hats will be compulsory and SPF 30+ sunscreen will be encouraged.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION:**

3.1 i) Sunsmart strategies will be introduced and implemented in sun and skin cancer awareness programs from the start of each year and revised early in Term 4. This will include learning how to put sunscreen on correctly.

   (ii) Staff from the Rosedale Campus – Central Gippsland Health Service, will be invited each year to support the Sunsmart Program.

3.2 Children will be expected to have an approved hat and encouraged to wear sunglasses and carry SPF 30+ sunscreen in their bags during Term 4 and Term 1. Children will also have the option of wearing sunglasses. The Sunsmart Policy expectations will then include:

   (i) Compulsory wearing of sunhats and recommended use of sunscreen during Term 4 and Term 1. Sunglasses are encouraged.

   (ii) Sunscreen from home (SPF 30+) will be expected and encouraged, and preferably should be applied prior to the commencement of the school day. Children will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen during the school day.

   (iii) Sunscreen will be available in each room, to supplement shortages from home.
(iv) An approved bottle green hat must be worn. These are...
    - full brimmed cricket hat, or
    - a legionnaires hat.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**
3.3 Children who do not wear hats will remain in the total block-out shade areas of the school during plays and lunch time and so have restricted access to playground areas.

3.4 Staff will set an example by wearing hats and sunscreen during stated period.

3.5 Parents will be encouraged to wear sun protective hats when participating in, and attending outdoor school activities.

3.6 A reward system will be implemented to encourage children to be Sunsmart.

4. **RESOURCES:**
4.1 Use of staff from Rosedale Campus – Central Gippsland Health Service to aid our Sunsmart awareness campaign.

4.2 Use of library with appropriate materials, i.e. Anti-Cancer Council, Kits, etc.

4.3 The Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee of School Council will maintain and extend the provision of shade areas in the school grounds.

4.4 Provision of SPF 30+ sunscreen for all grades.

5. **EVALUATION:**
5.1 The Sunsmart Co-ordinator to update information, promote and monitor implementation.

5.2 The Sunsmart Policy to be reviewed at least once every three years or as required.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in… December 2008