1. **PURPOSE**

1.1 To promote sun protection strategies to maintain a healthy balance of ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure whilst teachers, students and school community are participating in school related activities.

1.2 To ensure a combination of sun protection measures are considered when planning school activities.

1.3 To increase school community awareness about the harmful and beneficial effects of exposure to the sun’s UV radiation.

1.4 To work towards a school environment, that provides outdoor shade areas for students and teachers.

2. **BROAD GUIDELINES**

2.1 The school will encourage the use of sun protection measures and ensure that school approved hats are worn.

2.2 School approved hats, as part of the uniform, will satisfy Cancer Council of Victoria Guidelines.

2.3 The school will ensure information about the harmful and beneficial effects of exposure to the sun’s UV radiation is incorporated into the curriculum.

3. **PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**Behaviour**

3.1 During the Sun Protection Period, (from the 1st September to the 30th April) students must wear the school approved hat during all outdoor activities. Students who do not have their hat available at outdoor recess breaks or activities will be restricted to the shade pavilion.

3.2 A notice will be sent home with students who continually fail to have a hat at school during the Sun Protection Period.

3.3 Parents should make every effort to provide SPF 30+ sunscreen, preferably in an easy applicator format ie. roll on, for students to apply.

3.4 Staff will encourage students to exercise safe SunSmart practices (eg. sunscreen, shade, hats, sunglasses) when exposed to the sun for lengthy periods, particularly in the Sun Protection Period.

3.5 Staff and parents are encouraged to act as role models by demonstrating appropriate SunSmart behaviours.

3.6 Hughesdale Primary School encourages students to wear wrap around sunglasses that meet Australian Standard 1067.

**Curriculum**

3.7 The school will incorporate information about the harmful and beneficial effects of exposure to the sun’s UV radiation into the curriculum at all grade levels.

3.8 The school will regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.

**Environment**

3.9 The school uniform will reflect SunSmart recommendations.

3.10 Planning for outdoor activities will take this policy into account.

3.11 Outdoor activities will be held in areas with maximum available shade.

3.12 The school will work towards increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.