RAPORTALE
Essendon North Primary School aims to create healthy environments and encourage appropriate behaviours and independent sun protection skills relating to the exposure to the sun, reducing the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer to all members of our community.

PURPOSE
The purpose for the Sun Smart Policy is to provide guidelines to achieve a healthy UV exposure balance to help with vitamin D, and protect staff and students from harm caused by overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

IMPLEMENTATION
The Sun Smart Policy will operate, whenever UV levels reach three and above. This is typically from the start of September to the end of April in Victoria. In terms of the school year, this falls within (but is not excluded to) Term One and Term Four.

Staff, parents and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times at sunsmart.com.au or on the free SunSmart app to assist with the implementation of this policy.

A. Behaviour
The following independent sun protection skills and behaviours will be actively encouraged and developed for all members of our school community:

- The wearing of covering clothing including:
  - broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside, during recess, lunch, sport, excursions, before and after school. (No peak caps or visors)
  - shirts with sleeves (no singlets or singlet tops)
  - sunglasses (labelled AS 1067), if practical.
  - a rash vest or shirt for swimming carnivals, camps and/or excursions as appropriate
• The school supplies SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student's use and independent application before going outdoors
• Students may provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen at parent discretion, for independent application before going outdoors (particularly in the case of students with sun screen related allergies)
• Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors
• Processes will be in place to ensure the availability of sunscreen for all staff and students that is within use by dates
• Students will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities, during the months of September to April
• A No Hat, Restricted Play strategy is in place at ENPS from September to the end of April. This means students without appropriate covering clothing are required to play in the shade of the undercover area
• Staff, parents, carers, volunteers and visitors are to act as role models by practicing Sun Smart behaviours
• ENPS staff members will wear appropriate hats and clothing, whilst outside on school activities during September to the end of April.
• With parental consent, students with naturally dark skin are not required to wear sunscreen to help with Vitamin D requirements.

B. Curriculum
• Sun Smart behaviours and information will be incorporated into the curriculum at all year levels.
• Sun Smart behaviours will be reinforced and information on sun protection will be provided in a proactive way through school assemblies, ENPS website, newsletters, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
• Staff will work with students to develop strategies that reinforce independent behaviours for applying sunscreen before going outdoors.

C. Environment
• Whenever possible and where appropriate, outdoor activities will be organised in areas of shade during September to April.
• The school will continue to work toward increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.

EVALUATION
The staff will review the effectiveness of this policy each year by reviewing the Sun Smart behaviours of students, staff, parents and visitors, and will make recommendations for improvement. This policy will be reviewed in 2018 and as deemed necessary.

REFERENCES