Rationale:
• 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 Children and Teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:
• Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved close-weave broad brimmed hats (at least 6 cm rigid brim) during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
• Staff will act as role models by also wearing hats when outside.
• Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
• Whenever possible, outside activities on extreme hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
• St Paul’s will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
• Broad brimmed hats are available for purchase from the Primary School Wear Uniform Shop.
• 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.
• St Paul’s is a sunsmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the St Paul’s review cycle.