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:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- 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 broad brimmed hats when outside in term 1 & 4.
- Children without broad brimmed hats will be restricted play in designated shaded areas.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the SunSmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at Maramba.
- Maramba PS is proud to be accredited as a SunSmart school at the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in August 2013.