Westgarth Primary School is a community of students, staff, friends and family working together to create a diverse, engaging and respectful learning environment.

Rationale
For Westgarth Primary School to be recognised as a SunSmart school by adhering to the guidelines of the Cancer Council of Victoria.

This policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun. To ensure a healthy balance between too much and too little UV is maintained.

Aims
- To heighten the awareness of the whole school community of the importance of sun safe behaviour by children now to minimise the likelihood of skin cancer when adults.

Actions
- This policy is to be implemented form the beginning of September through to the end of April when UV radiation is most intense. Particular car is taken between 10am and 2pm (11am and 3pm daylight saving time) when UV Index levels reach their peak during the day.

- Through the curriculum and integrated programs, students will be informed of the dangers of skin cancer and provided with information about prevention measures.

- Students will be involved in a variety of learning activities to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills relevant to personal skin protection.

- Information relating to the importance of adequate clothing and the use of sunscreen will be provided to the school community through information sessions, the school newsletter and some curriculum activities.

- The School will continue to ensure (with an annual audit) there is adequate provision of shade within the school grounds by planting trees and building shade structures on both sites.

- Students will be encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is made of close weave fabric and includes shirts with collars and longer sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts. Students will be encouraged to wear appropriate clothing with collars and sleeves while engaging in outside activities.
• Staff will act as role models by wearing appropriate hats and clothing, using sunscreen and seeking shade wherever possible while on yard duty.

• The application of SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be encouraged by staff for extended outdoor activities ie camps, sports days, excursions. Students will need to know how to apply sunscreen independently and have their own personal supply.

• Hats that shade the face, neck and ears will be compulsory when outside from the beginning of September through to the end of April. These will either be broad brimmed or legionnaire hats and will be made available for sale at school.

• Requests for appropriate sun protection (hats, no sleeveless clothing) will be included on all excursion permission forms.

• The availability of shade will be considered when planning excursions and all other outdoor activities.

• Where possible, lengthy outdoor activities will be scheduled to minimise time in direct sun particularly during the middle of the day during Terms 1 and 4. These include sport, physical education and assemblies.

• Indoor play will be called in adverse weather conditions – extremely windy, overly hot or icy weather conditions.