Rationale
Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Overexposure to the sun during childhood is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer in later life. As students are at school during times of peak ultra-violet radiation our school can play a major part in creating a supportive environment which minimises exposure and encourages sun protective behaviours.

Goollelal Primary School’s Sun Protection Policy has been developed and implemented to promote safe practices around exposure to the sun.

Our Commitment
• Inform parents of the sun protection policy when they enrol their children at Goollelal Primary School
• Brief new staff on the Sun Protection Policy
• Promote safe sun protection practices via the school newsletter, school website, classrooms and at assemblies
• Require students to wear a broad brimmed hat at all times
• Enforce a ‘no hat no play’ policy across the school
• Require staff to wear a broad brimmed hat
• Encourage the use of SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen by providing sunscreen in each classroom and at all physical education classes
• Incorporate sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs across the school
• Review the policy annually

Our Expectations
Parents and carers will:
• Ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat
• Ensure your child has access to SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen
• Support the school’s Sun Protection policy
• Ensure your child follows the school dress code

Students will:
• Be aware of the Sun Protection policy
• Take responsibility for their own health by being ‘sun smart’
• Comply with the school dress code
• Apply sunscreen as and when appropriate
• Participate in ‘sun smart’ programs across the school