**BALAKLAVA HIGH SCHOOL UV RISK REDUCTION POLICY**

**Rationale:**  Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Protecting skin from the sun, especially early in life, can prevent an estimated 75% of skin cancers.

**Objectives:**
- Increase student and community awareness of skin cancer and other skin damage caused by UV radiation.
- Assist students to develop practices to protect their skin from the sun.
- To provide a safe school environment, providing shade and other sun protective measures for staff and students.

**Procedures:**

A) **Shade**
- Provide adequate shade for students at key gathering points within the school grounds.
- Provide students with the opportunity to be indoors on days of extreme UV Risk (See Inclement Weather Policy).
- Students/staff are to use shaded areas at lunch and recess time especially if they are not wearing an appropriate hat.

B) **All Day Events**
- Ensure adequate shade is provided for students and organisers.
- Provide sunscreen for participants, spectators and organisers.
- Promote sun protection procedures throughout the event.
- Organise the timing of events to minimise sun damage, if possible.

C) **Curriculum**
- Environmental and behavioural elements of UV risk reduction are supported in curricular programs.

D) **Clothing**
- Students and staff must wear hats during high risk periods (Term 1 and 4) or remain in shaded areas.
- Staff model the wearing of hats.

E) **Staff**
- Protective equipment/clothing is provided to grounds persons.
- All staff must wear appropriate clothing, including a hat and sunglasses for sun protection.
- Sunscreen is available for all staff.