



EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES

RATIONALE

These guidelines have been developed to ensure that duty of care of our students is maintained during extreme hot or wet weather periods.

Please note that a PA announcement prior to break times to advise staff and students of the extreme weather procedures to follow.

WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

• Wet weather prior to recess/lunch break

- Years 3- 6

Students go to undercover area - supervision by senior and middle duty staff. Admin will also assist. Note: students may wish to bring something to do as ball games will not be permitted. Where it stops raining, senior students will be able to go to the senior oval/playground or remain in the undercover area.

- Years 1-2

Students go to area between library and junior block. Activities will also be set up in shared wet area. Supervision by junior duty staff.

• Severe wet weather prior to recess/lunch break

- Students should remain in their classrooms with their class teachers during times of very wet, cold or stormy conditions. Eating in class is permitted, however please ensure mess is minimized and rubbish is disposed of appropriately.
- Students should be given access to toilet use.
- Specialist teachers should assist in each block by giving class teachers a short break (Music – Junior Block; Phys Ed – Middle Block; Science/French – Senior Block).

• Severe wet weather during recess/lunch break

- A member of the administration will sound the siren, upon which students and staff will return to their classrooms.

• Light rain

- Students may seek shelter underneath the verandahs, in the Undercover Area or near the library. Once the rain stops, students may return to play.

HOT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of extreme hot weather (once over 35 degrees) the following will be put in place:

1. Lunch boxes to be brought into classrooms/wet areas for storage
2. Sunscreen will be available outside classrooms
3. Library will be opened for students to access at lunch time
4. Junior playground equipment will be closed for play at recess and lunch times
5. Basketball and tennis courts will be closed for play at recess and lunch times
6. Hats are required to be worn by all students when playing in the sun during recess and lunch times. Where a child does not bring a hat they will be restricted to sheltered areas.
7. Students will be encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day
8. Fitness activities will be reduced to no more than 10 minutes
9. Physical education lessons will, where possible, occur in shared areas and/or the undercover area. Regular rest and drink breaks will be incorporated into the lessons.
10. School-based sport will be cancelled

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