



Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather the following procedures will be implemented. The Principal and/or nominated delegates are responsible for making decisions as to inclement/unsafe weather conditions.

Hot Weather

- On days when the forecast maximum is greater than 35°C (and reaches this temperature before or during lunch and recess) children are to be in classrooms. A decision about lunch and recess play is at the discretion of the Principal or delegates. **The Musical Siren will play the song – Hot, Hot, Hot**
- Outside activities (e.g. PE lessons) should only be conducted in the early part of the day.
- Participation in events off site on days over 35°C (e.g. excursions) will be determined according to the nature of the event and factors such as transport arrangements. In all cases the welfare of students and staff is to be the deciding factor.

Wet Weather

- On wet days children will be supervised at recess/lunch times and before school (from 8:30am) in classrooms.
- The Principal or delegate with the teacher/s on duty will monitor the weather before a decision is made on the conditions and the need for a wet weather bell.
- To move to Inside play – The musical siren will be played to notify students/staff of the decision for recess/lunch and before school. **Song – Don't go out in Pouring Rain**
- To move Outside Play – The musical siren will be played to be used to notify students/staff of the decision to allow recess/lunch to be 'outside' if conditions have improved. **Song – Sunshine on a Rainy Day**

Extreme Weather

- On days when there are extreme weather conditions e.g. wind, lightning, smoke, students are to be in classrooms. A decision about lunch and recess play is at the discretion of the Principal and/or nominated staff member.
- Participation in events off site on these days will be determined according to the nature of the event and factors such as transport arrangements. In all cases the welfare of students and staff is to be the deciding factor.

Supervision

On days of inclement weather classroom teachers will utilise open space learning provisions to release and support each other (subject to annual classroom allocations):

0502	0503
0505	0506
0508	0509
0510	0511
0602	0603
0605	0606
0608	0609
0610	0611
Disability Unit – 0409, 0410, 0411 – Internal release	

- Members of leadership and specialist teachers will offer opportunities for classroom teachers to be released to ensure that they are provided with some break time during the day.*
- If a teacher has not been released for a break it is their responsibility to phone leadership.*

