



# Inclement Weather Policy

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## Rationale

To ensure the comfort and safety of all students during play periods in times of inclement weather and to outline clear and effective process for managing inclement weather, maintaining high levels of duty of care for all students.

Inclement weather is defined as –

- Wet and rainy (decision will be made by yard duty teacher or leadership)
- When the temperature exceeds 36 degrees (as stated forecast on the BOM Website)

## Hot Weather

Students must stay in the shade.

Yard duty teachers have the duty of care to ensure that students are not playing in the sun.

Classroom teachers to be explicit with students at the beginning of break times about expectations.

**When the forecast temperature is 38 degrees or above,** students will remain indoors at lunch time.

- Staff will be notified by bulletin notice.
- If there is a cool change, teachers will be notified and normal yard duty will resume.
- The library and gym will be open.
- Staff follow the All Seasons Weather process, outlined below to ensure adequate supervision in classrooms.
- Students must be reminded of boundaries, activities and rules during indoor play times.

## Wet weather

If it is raining before school, the teacher on yard duty from 8.30am will move students to veranda areas.

Home group teachers will open their classrooms as early as possible and remain in class for duty of care.

*The wet weather bell is 2 blasts of the siren.*

- If it begins to rain during recess or lunch, one of the office staff will ring the wet weather bell. Yard duty teachers can phone Admin to request the wet weather bell.
- Students do not return to normal play until the wet weather bell sounds again.
- Staff are required to follow the All Seasons Weather process outlined below, to ensure we are providing adequate indoor supervision.
- Students must be actively supervised and reminded of boundaries, activities and expectations during indoor break times.



### **All Seasons Weather process**

Students go to home group classrooms. Staff supervise, actively monitor students and negotiate sharing of the duty with their buddies.

#### **Primary**

P1 & P2 – Jess D and Jess S/Ashleigh S

P3 & P4 – Mary G and Hannah S

P5, P6, P7 – Helena, Brie and Yvette with the support of Sallyanne and Michael

P8/P9 – Jacqui B/Leanne D

#### **Middle**

M1 & M2 – Potter/White/Wilkinson/K.Edwards

M3 & M4 – Marincus/Davis/V.Edwards/Nizzola

M5 & M6 – Sinclair/Oosterwegel/Gramola/ Bray

#### **Senior**

STEMN/STEMM/STEMLAB – Penman/Haggett/Farquhar/Lindavies/McEntee

TTC – Yanner

### **Yard duty teachers:**

**Primary & Canteen/Playground/Secondary, Oval/Basketball Court**

Send students to home groups and ensure all students leave the area promptly.

#### **Library or Gym**

Students may remain in these spaces. If the staff member is a home group / non-home group teacher, these spaces will remain open with leadership supervision or by negotiation.

### **Supporting documents / related items**

- Sun Smart Policy
- School Uniform Policy
- MCAS Behaviour Code