

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

### PURPOSE

Ensuring an effective process in managing inclement weather and to implement appropriate strategies. Inclement weather includes hot, wet and extreme weather conditions. The Principal or delegate is responsible for making decisions regarding inclement weather conditions.

### AIMS

- The safety and wellbeing of all students and staff are maintained during recess and lunch periods during inclement weather.
- Students are more aware of the dangers of inclement weather and will take appropriate actions in ensuring their protection.
- Staff to maintain high levels of duty of care for all students.

### Hot Weather (forecast 35°C or over)

- On days when the weather forecast by the Weather Bureau is 35°C or over, a decision will be made by the principal or delegate if the students are to stay indoors (classrooms). The principal or delegate can decide on having a shortened lunch break instead.
- The current temperature will be checked at approximately 10:40am (prior to recess) and at 12:40pm (prior to lunch).

### Wet Weather

- On rainy days, students are to have their recess and lunch play in designated areas. Options for 'Passive Play' can include STEM, Library, COLA, Hall and Deck.
- The Principal or delegate will monitor the weather conditions and make a decision prior to lunch and recess.
- The wet weather bell will be used to notify students and teachers of the decisions regarding recess and lunch breaks.
- 3 short rings of the bell will indicate the decision for lunch and recess to be indoors.
- When a decision has been made to call inside play it will not be adjusted for the remainder of that break.

### Extreme Weather

- Extreme weather conditions include strong winds, hail, thunderstorms and lightning, bush fires and smoke.
- On days with extreme weather conditions or warnings, students are to have their recess and lunch play in their classrooms.
- A decision about lunch and recess will be made at the discretion of the Principal or delegate.
- The bell will sound twice to inform students and teachers about the decision to lunch and recess indoors.
- If weather is extreme (hot or wet) classrooms will be opened early at 8:30am

Ratified: