

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

(Review 2024)

Vision

The comfort and safety of all students is maintained during play periods affected by inclement weather.

Purpose

To have a 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 front page of that day's "The Advertiser" newspaper).

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 always be open.
- Sub school coordinators ensure that teachers are providing indoor supervision but that they are relieved and/or negotiate equitable release arrangements made between staff members.
- 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. It is recommended that classroom teachers open their classrooms as early as possible and remain in 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, or the yard duty teacher will make the decision and ring or send a student to the Front Office to request the wet weather bell be rung.
- Students do not return to normal play until the wet weather bell sounds again.
- For extensive wet weather, the sub-school coordinators ensure that teachers are providing indoor supervision but that they are relieved and/or negotiate equitable release arrangements made between staff members.
- Students must be reminded of boundaries, activities and rules during indoor play times.

Supporting documents / related items

- Sun Smart Policy
- All Seasons Weather Policy