



## Inclement Weather Policy

The intention of this policy is to maintain the health and welfare of students and adults at all times when outside in the weather.

### Inclement Weather Duty

- Leadership or delegated authority will make the decision regarding the implementation of the Inclement Weather Policy.
- They will declare an indoor recess and/or lunch period, in their opinion, where student and adult health and welfare could be at risk.
- Such occasions may be caused by electrical storms, excessive heat/cold, wind, rain etc.
- If the temperature exceeds 35°C immediately before the break the Inclement Weather Policy will be activated. This reading is based upon the temperature found on the Bureau of Meteorology website.
- If it rains lightly and sporadically, teachers are to direct students to play undercover or in the gym if available,

### General Procedures

- The decision will be made immediately before recess and lunch breaks.
- The siren to indicate Inclement Weather duty will sound three times.

### Recess and Lunch

- Room C/3 go to library with class teachers – class teachers, with SSO support can then release each other to have a break.
- Room B/D to remain in classes with class teachers – class teachers, with SSO support can then release each other to have a break.
- Any NIT teachers, will be expected to assist with general supervision.

### Excursions

- Teachers, in their planning of an excursion, will have as part of the risk-assessment process, an idea as to what the temperature may be for that day (taken from the BOM website) and take this into account.
- All excursions will be reviewed by the teacher/s leadership if the temperature is expected to be 35°C or over for the area in which they are travelling.
- An excursion may be postponed or cancelled if it includes travelling into or through a Total Fire Ban zone

### Further Information

- At the teachers' discretion and under the teachers' supervision, students may have up to a ten-minute period outside of the classroom to go to the toilet, fresh air, brain break. The latter should only be under the protection of shade/cover.
- Each teacher will undertake to hold discussions with their class regarding students taking responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe and behaving in a sensible manner.
- All new staff and TRT's will be made familiar with this policy.

*This Policy is to be reviewed February, 2026*