

INCLEMENT WEATHER

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Purpose

To provide clear processes for student and staff safety during periods of inclement weather, maintaining duty of care and continuity of supervision.

Definition of Inclement Weather

Inclement weather includes, but is not limited to:

- Extreme heat (forecast or actual temperature over 38°C or above, and/or UV Index 6+, as forecast by the)
- Heavy rain, hail, or thunderstorms,
- High or damaging winds,
- Severe dust or smoke events.

Refer to the Bureau of Meteorology and the Department of Education's guidelines for current definitions.

Activation and Communication

- Inclement weather procedures are activated by Site Leadership or delegate.
- Staff and students are notified via the school bell, intercom/PA system, or phone call.
- Three bell rings denote that indoor play arrangements are in place.
- Updates provided to families if periods of inclement weather significantly affect daily procedures, through Class Dojo or a social media post.

Sun Safety Measures

- On days of high UV of 3 or above, all students and staff must wear broad-brimmed hats when outside, follow sun-safe practices (sunscreen use encouraged), and ensure adequate hydration.
- Students not wearing a hat remain under designated shade or indoors.

Please refer to our Sun Smart Policy.

Supervision Arrangements

- Usual yard duty schedule is suspended; staff shift to indoor supervision as allocated by Leadership.
- Students remain in their assigned classrooms under the 'buddy class system'.
- Staff conduct regular checks to ensure all students are accounted for, and that all areas are safely supervised.
- School Support Officers (SSOs) continue to support classes as per normal routines.

Indoor Activities

- Usual yard duty schedule is suspended; staff shift to indoor supervision as allocated by Leadership.

- Suitable, low-risk indoor activities are provided (reading, board games, drawing, quiet social place).
- Movement between rooms only allowed with staff approval, and as necessary.
- Organised lunchtime clubs and activities are suspended unless a suitable indoor alternative is arranged.

Student Safety and Wellbeing

- All students are accounted for and supervised.
- Extra attention is given to students with health conditions affected by weather (eg. Asthma, heat stress).
- First aid kits and emergency contact details remain accessible at all times.
- Staff ensure students have access to water and shaded spaces.

Return to Normal

- Normal procedures resume only upon instruction from leadership, delivered by a single bell or PA system announcement.

Emergency Situations

- In the event of severe weather or immediate risk, Inclement Weather procedures may escalate to Emergency and Critical Response Plans (refer to the site's Emergency Management Policy).
- Directions from SA Police, CFS, or Department for Education take precedence over this policy.

Responsibilities

- Site Leadership activates and oversees procedures.
- Staff are responsible for clear supervision and adherence to safety measures.
- SSOs provide support where required.
- All staff ensure communication channels remain open.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if needed, in consultation with staff, families, and health organisations.

- For further guidance, staff refer to:
 - o Department for Education - [Inclement Weather Policy](#) and [Sun Exposure](#)
 - o Department for Education - [Emergency Management Policy](#)

Policy Information

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