



## Inclement Weather Policy

### Rationale

Due to inclement weather it is sometimes inappropriate for students to be outside during break time. This may be due to rain, temperature or other weather issues. Students and staff have the right to be as comfortable as possible in the school on these days.

### Hot Weather

As a guideline if the temperature is **36 C or greater at the beginning of a recess break** the students will go outside but will be encouraged to remain under the shade and low key activities will be encouraged.

If it is **36 C or greater at the beginning of a lunch break** the students will remain in their classrooms. It will be up to the leadership team to make the final decision, taking into consideration the totality of the weather conditions.

Temperatures will be monitored on the internet by the SSO on the front desk. (Link to Prospect weather on the desktop).

**Food and Drink** - All students' food and drink should be stored inside the classrooms during Term 1 and 4. However, parents need to be aware of weather conditions when packing lunches.

Sun Smart practices will be promoted during hot weather (hat policy, sunscreen, playing in shaded areas, frequent water drinks.)

### Rainy weather

Leadership will ring the siren at the beginning of the recess and lunch break for wet weather. It will be **leadership's responsibility** to ring the siren during the break.

If it is light rain students will be encouraged to take cover under verandahs, or shelter sheds.

If it is heavy rain students will remain in class.

The siren will be rung 3 times to signal inclement weather.

If the weather changes the siren will be rung once for outside play.

During inclement weather students will need to remain in the class areas. The library and the ICT Suite will be open during this time for Middle and Upper Primary classes. Each class may send two students to the library. The Specialist Teachers (5 teachers) will supervise this area and also support teachers who were out on duty at recess.

Class teachers in shared areas will pair up to share the duty.

Room 1 and room 2.	Room 9, 10 and 11
Room 3 and 4	Room 17, 12 and 13
Room 5 and 6	Room 14, 15, 16
Room 7 and 8	

Buddy teachers and if possible the leadership team will support teachers who have been out on duty. In the event of an electrical storm, or unusual weather conditions please carry out normal evacuation procedures.