



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

PROSPECT PRIMARY SCHOOL
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CONTEXT/BELIEF STATEMENT

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 all of the weather conditions.

Temperatures will be monitored on the internet by Leadership. (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).

During terms 2 and 3, the UV rating for the day should be checked to allow students the option of wearing a hat or not. The rating for this option is below 3. Class teachers' can check to inform their students on the day and posters showing the UV rating are displayed around the school.

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 ring 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. **Duty of care means that an adult must resume responsibility for the students;** therefore, class teachers in shared areas will pair up to share the duty.



SHARED AREAS

Shared areas – Teacher Responsibilities (Buddy Teachers)

- Rooms 1A & 1B
- Rooms 1 & 2
- Rooms 3 & 4
- Room 5 (**Specialist Teachers to support**)
- Rooms 7 & 8
- Rooms 9, 10 & 11
- Rooms 12 & 13
- Rooms 14, 15 & 6
- Rooms 16, 17 & 18
- Rooms 19 & 20
- Rooms 21 & 22

Specialist Teachers Responsibilities – during breaks specialist teachers are to have the first half as their break time then release classroom teachers as follows:

- **Room 5 Teacher**
- **Courtyard classrooms – EALD, Physical Education & Greek Teachers**
- **JP Corridor – Visual/Media Arts & Technologies Teachers**

Buddy teachers and, if possible, the Leadership team will support teachers who have been out on duty. **If a teacher has not been released it is their responsibility to phone leadership.**

In the event of an electrical storm, or unusual weather conditions please carry out normal shelter in place procedures.



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