

EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES

These procedures cover any weather event in which it is not safe for students to be outside eg extreme heat, rain, electrical storms and high winds. Extreme heat is determined by the current temperature and other events are determined by a member of the leadership team.

Weather Events (other than heat)

- A member of leadership makes the decision to abandon outside play when rain is too heavy or conditions too dangerous for students to be outside.
- Notification is done from front office with 3 bells, and a loudspeaker announcement.
- All teachers remain in or return to classrooms to arrange adequate, mutually agreed supervision.
- Specialist teachers will assist allocated teaching team.
- When extreme weather policy implemented all students to remain inside under supervision or under shaded areas as organised by class teachers ensuring adequate supervision and safety.
- If conditions improve, leadership make a decision as to whether students can return outside and then sound 3 bells and a loudspeaker announcement will occur.
- In wet weather only, students may go to the canteen with teacher's permission providing they have adequate wet weather protection.
- Outside activities are abandoned at the discretion of the teacher.

Hot Weather

- Normal programs (excluding outdoor activities) will continue until 3.05 pm.
- All staff to remain on normal duty unless 36 degrees and above*. This will be determined by leadership at 10.15 for recess and 12.30 for lunch using the Bureau of Meteorology website. (http://reg.bom.gov.au/sa/observations/adelaide.shtml)
- Notification is done from front office with 3 bells and a loudspeaker announcement.
- On days where forecast temperature is 36° C and above all outdoor PE lessons must be conducted before recess.
- When hot weather policy implemented all students to remain inside under supervision or under shaded areas
- as organised by class teachers ensuring adequate supervision and safety.
- Specialist teachers will assist allocated teaching team.

When Extreme Weather procedures are implemented the Resource Centre is closed and Rethink is held over until the following day.

* The temperature of 36 degrees and above has been determined with advice from SunSafe and Sports Med. Their advice is that In temperatures of 36° and above the risk of heat illness is extreme.

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