INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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

Inclement Weather Duty
- Leadership staff or their delegated Duty Officer will make the decision regarding the implementation of the Inclement Weather Policy.
- Leadership Staff will declare an indoor recess and/or lunch period if in their opinion, student health is at risk.
- Such occasions may be caused by electrical storms, excessive heat/cold, dust storms, rain etc.
- If the temperature equals or exceeds 35 degrees Celsius just before the break and/or when the UV danger is extreme, then the Inclement Weather Policy will be automatically activated.

General Procedures
- The bell to indicate Inclement Weather duty will be three normal bell rings.
- The decision will be made just prior to recess and lunch breaks.
- Once the Inclement Weather bell has been rung, class teachers will move to / remain in their classrooms and supervise their class in partnership with other teachers until the all clear is sounded.
- Non-classroom teaching staff will be asked to assist with general supervision to release classroom teachers.
- Teachers will share supervision of the students in their house so that each teacher has a break.
- The Resource Centre and BTR/Catch up will be closed.
- The Canteen will remain open and a teacher’s discretion is to be used when allowing students to go to the Canteen during inside play times.
- Two normal bell rings will indicate that students can return to the yard.

Further Information
- At the teacher’s discretion and under the teacher’s supervision, students may have up to a ten-minute period outside of the classroom to go to the toilet, canteen and get fresh air. The latter should only be under the protection of the COLAs.
- 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 during inclement weather.
- All new staff and TRTs will be familiarised with this policy and the associated SunSmart Policy.
This school supports the practice of keeping students safe from exposure to excessive ultra violet radiation. This will be a consideration when determining if the Inclement Weather Policy needs to be implemented.