INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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

Inclement Weather Duty
- Leadership or delegated authority will make the decision regarding the implementation of the Inclement Weather Policy.
- They will declare an indoor recess and/or lunch period if, in their opinion, student and adult health and welfare could be at risk.
- Such occasions may be caused by electrical storms, excessive heat/cold, wind, rain etc.
- If the temperature is or exceeds **35C** immediately before the break the Inclement Weather Policy will be activated. This reading is based upon the temperature for Noarlunga on the Bureau of Meteorology website.

General Procedures
- The decision will be made immediately before recess and lunch breaks.
- The siren to indicate Inclement Weather duty will sound three times.
- Once the Inclement Weather siren has sounded class teachers will move to or remain in their classrooms and supervise their class in partnership with other teachers.
- Specialist teachers will be expected 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 teacher's discretion is to be used when allowing students to go to the Canteen when the inclement weather procedure is in place.
- The siren will sound twice to indicate that students can return to the yard.

Excursions
- Teachers, in their planning of an excursion, will have, as part of the risk-assessment process, an idea as to what the temperature may be for that day (taken from the BOM website) and take this into account.
- All excursions will be reviewed by the teacher/s and leadership if the temperature is expected to be 35C or over for the area in which they are travelling.
- An Excursion maybe postponed or cancelled if it includes travelling into or through a Total Fire Ban zone.

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 made familiar with this policy.

Resources

This policy to be reviewed in 2016