



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 on the Bureau of Meteorology website. This is found by putting Hallett Cove BOM into Google.
- If it rains lightly and sporadically during recess or lunch students are to leave the oval under the direction of the teacher and move undercover. The Oval remains closed for the rest of the break and this duty teacher helps supervise under sheltered areas.
- If it rains any staff member may send a message to the front office to alert leadership to ring the bells.

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. In 2017 this means:
- Kirsten/Kirsty share duties in house 4 with Nicole.
- Nick shares duties with house 9.
- Evie and Joey share duties with houses 7 and 8.

- Bruce and Anne share duties with houses 5, 6 and 6A.
- Teachers will share supervision of the students in their house so that each teacher has a break.
- The Resource Centre will be closed.
- BTR will be closed at the discretion of the principal.
- 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

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/inclementweatherproc.pdf>

This policy to be reviewed in 2018