



INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

The intention of this procedure is to maintain the health and welfare of students and adults at all times through Inclement weather events.

Inclement Weather

- Leadership or delegated authority will make the decision regarding the implementation of the Inclement Weather Procedure.
- Leadership 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 severe thunderstorms, excessive heat/cold, wind, rain or air pollutant such as smoke in the atmosphere.
- If the temperature is or exceeds 35C immediately before the break the Inclement Weather Procedure will be activated. Temperature is based upon the Bureau of Meteorology for Hallett Cove.
- If raining lightly and intermittently during recess or lunch, students are to leave the oval under the direction of the duty teacher and move undercover. The oval remains closed for the rest of the break and the duty teacher supervises sheltered areas.
- If rain becomes persistent or heavy, any staff member may send a message to the front office to activate the Inclement Weather Procedure.

General Procedures

- The siren to indicate Inclement Weather will sound three times. Students are to immediately move to their classrooms.
- 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.
- Teachers will share supervision of the students in their house so that each teacher has a break.
- Specialist teachers will assist with general supervision to release classroom teachers.
 - Kirsten and Kirsty share duties with teachers in House 6
 - Tania shares duties with houses 2 and 3 on Monday- Tuesday / Chelsea Thursdays.
 - Paul shares duties with teachers in House 9.
 - Ellie shares duties with teachers in Houses 7/8 on Monday- Wednesday, with a particular focus on House 7

- Robyn shares duties with teachers in houses 7 and 8 on Thursdays and Fridays, plus can offer assistance across the school as needed.
- Matthew shares duties with teachers in houses 2 and 3 on Thursdays and Fridays, plus can offer assistance across the school as needed.
- The Resource Centre will be closed.
- BTR will be closed at the discretion leaders.
- 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. There is no teacher doing duty at the canteen entrance.
- The siren will sound once to indicate that students can return to the yard.
- There will be PA messages for further clarification.

Excursions and School Events

- Teachers, as part of the risk-assessment process, will identify plans for inclement weather which will take into account, current weather information from the Bureau of Meteorology for the destination, and the venue's own risk assessment for inclement weather.
- All planned excursions or school events will be reviewed by the teacher in charge and leadership if inclement weather is forecast.
- An excursion or event will be postponed or cancelled if inclement weather is forecast and poses a risk to the safety of staff or students. This 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 protection (e.g. COLAs).
- Each teacher will hold discussions with their class regarding student 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 Procedure.

This Procedure to be reviewed in 2025