



Extreme Weather and Sunsafe Procedures

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Alternative Weather Plans due to Hot and/or Wet Weather:

- A decision about alternative weather plans due to hot and/or wet weather is made by the Executive organising the playground roster in collaboration with the Principal/Deputy Principal. When the alternative weather plan bell rings, students are to line up under cola and wait for their teacher. No child is to move to their classroom unsupervised.
- The school bell will ring to advise that alternative weather plans will take place. Students and teachers need to listen to updated announcements as they occur.
- In the morning, children remain under cover and/or in the hall. Children are to line up in class lines under the COLA and/or in the hall and wait for a classroom teacher.
- Hot weather / wet weather playground duties will be enacted.

Recess & Lunch:

- Each class is in their own room and duties are shared as per the buddy roster. It must be negotiated between your buddy for a fair and equal duty share that both teachers have agreed to.
- Supervision at the canteen is an alternative weather duty, supervised by specialist teachers to ensure students arrive/depart from the canteen safely in pairs.
- When alternative weather plans are called in the middle of recess/lunch, students move to their class lines and wait to be picked up by their classroom teacher.
- If alternative weather plans are called for more than two continuous days in a week, infants are to use undercover areas during recess, and primary students will use the undercover areas during lunch.

Sunsafe:

- Students must wear a hat, not visor or beanie, if they are playing on the grass area or netball court. Without a hat they must stay in the area under the COLA or trees as designated by the teacher on duty.
- PSSA, school sport and PE lessons during Terms 1 and 4 are organised for the morning session, so that the children are not out in the heat of the day.
- All children must wear hats for outdoor PSSA, school sport and PE lessons.
- Temperatures above 37 degrees Celsius will result in the alternative weather plans being implemented during the recess and/or lunch breaks.
- Adjustments and accommodations will be made between 34 and 36 degrees Celsius, e.g. during extremely hot weather conditions the grass area is closed for play. The hall and under covered walkways in close proximity to the COLA are utilized.
- Teachers encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day. Water bottles are permitted to be used in class as the teacher directs. Water is available in all classrooms.
- During sports carnivals and outdoor events, children are to wear hats and apply sunscreen. The school does not provide sunscreen due to the possibility of allergic reactions, but children are encouraged to bring their own.
- Teaching and learning activities take place in classes as part of the health curriculum.
- Teacher's model sunsafe practices of wearing hats and using sunscreen.