

HOT/WET WEATHER PROCEDURE



If the forecast predicts inclement weather, staff are to remain on site during breaks.

HOT WEATHER

- On days of extreme heat i.e. 36°C or above, children are to remain inside to be supervised by communicated system of release (see below).
- The front office will ring rain bell: 3 short sirens.
- The temperature is checked by Leadership team member each day prior to lunch breaks using the Bureau of Meteorology website information.
- Front office staff will ring 3 short sirens.

WET WEATHER

- ***Light or intermittent rain:*** Rain where there is no harm for students/staff to be outside using sheltered areas to keep dry, or alternatively using wet weather appropriate clothing (this means the child will not get wet anywhere on their bodies, e.g. raincoat, gumboots, umbrella).
- ***Heavy or persistent rain:*** Rain where students and staff would still get soaked, cold and uncomfortable regardless of sheltered areas and wet weather appropriate clothing.

Raining at the beginning of break times

- If it is light or intermittent rain staff to go to sheltered yard duty areas as below roster and students to go outside.
- If it is heavy or persistent rain students remain inside to be supervised by communicated system of release (see below). The front office will ring rain bell: 3 short sirens.
- If/when rain stops, Front Office will ring bell 3 times again to return outside.

Raining during a break

- ***Light or intermittent rain:*** Students immediately go to the sheltered areas (see below) under direction and supervision of yard duty teachers. If rain remains only light / intermittent, students remain under shelter until directed to return to play.
- ***Heavy or persistent rain:*** If rain is heavy/persistent, a member of the Leadership team will make the decision to ring the rain bell: 3 short sirens, and students and teachers return to class.
- If rain subsides the siren will ring 3 times to indicate that children and duty teachers can go back out.

Yard duty areas to cover during light/intermittent rain:

DUTY AREA	SUPERVISED SHELTER AREA
Oval	Minniss Verandah (East)
JP building/Canteen	JP Verandahs (both sides)
Adventure Playground	Minniss Verandah (West)
Nature Play	Minniss Verandah (West)
Courts and pathway	Main building/OSHC/courts verandah

- **PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES SO IF BELL RINGS FOR STUDENTS TO GO BACK OUT – PLEASE ALLOW TEACHERS TIME TO GET BACK TO THEIR DUTY AREAS. YARD DUTY TEACHERS NEED TO GET BACK TO AREAS PROMPTLY.**

System of release during inside lunch breaks for hot and wet weather:

- Roster communicated on the day by the Leadership team as the day's scheduled yard duty teachers will be incorporated into roster to ensure adequate and equitable breaks are allowed for staff. Leadership team to units for additional support as possible.

Conditions for optimal wellbeing for students and staff during inside play:

- Staff are encouraged to use centre 'streets' for spill out areas for children's games and activities, under supervision. There is to be no eating in these areas. Please note that these areas must be supervised by a designated teacher.
- Noise level needs to be kept to a minimum to support wellbeing of all inside. Engaging, calm activities need to be provided such as board games, elastics, making/drawing etc. Not appropriate for 'free time' to be given or any use of technology (not appropriate supervision in place for safe use).

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