



POLICY STATEMENT

At Jarrahdale Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe and comfortable learning, work, and recreation environment for our students, staff, and visitors. While this policy and its guidelines may not cover every possible scenario, the underlying principles should be applied in response to any extreme weather event. The term "extreme weather event" covers a broad range of scenarios, including wet weather such as rain, hail, wind, lightning, and thunder, as well as extremely hot weather and heatwaves. The principal is responsible for making decisions regarding the school's response and for communicating these decisions to staff, students, and parents when appropriate.

GUIDELINES

Hot Weather Guidelines

- Teachers are to encourage children to bring water bottles into the classroom for hydration throughout the day, all year round. Parents are asked to ensure their child has a water bottle.
- 'No Hat No Play' is enforced throughout the year.
- All students are encouraged to wear sunscreen to school.
- All recess, lunch breaks, and Physical Education sessions will be conducted in the covered assembly area. Activities will be adapted to reflect current conditions (e.g., low-exertion activities with minimal running during hot weather). In extreme circumstances, students will eat in their classrooms, the library will be opened for breaks, and Physical Education lessons will take place in a classroom.
- Modify or suspend other outdoor activities as necessary.
- Children will be allowed to store lunch boxes in classrooms. Parents are encouraged to supply their child with an insulated lunch box.
- When students need to move between areas, stay under cover where possible.

Other Weather Guidelines

- If students are outside when wet weather occurs, move immediately to covered areas, excluding seeking shelter under trees.
- All recess, lunch breaks, and Physical Education lessons will be held in the covered assembly area, with the doors rolled down as needed based on the weather. Activities will be adjusted to suit current conditions. In extreme circumstances, students will eat in their classrooms, the library will be opened for breaks, and Physical Education lessons will take place in a classroom.
- Modify or suspend other outdoor activities as necessary.
- When students need to move between areas, stay under cover where possible.

REFERENCES

School Education Act 1999, sections 128 (d), 140 (d) and 123.

School Education Regulations 2000, Regulations 33 to 36.

Occupational Health and Safety Act 1996.

Work Health and Safety Policy 2022.

Incident Management on Department of Education Sites Policy Dec 2020

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