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Inclement Weather Policy

Purpose

At Settlers Farm Campus, we monitor weather conditions to ensure student safety.

Inclement weather can affect everyday activities and comes in many forms. Inclement weather includes:

- extreme high temperatures
- high UV levels
- heavy rain, hail and snow
- strong winds
- severe dust or electrical storm
- flooding

When planning outdoor events, camps and excursions it is important to prepare contingency plans for the potential risk of inclement weather

Hot weather - in place when forecast is 37 degrees or higher

Communicated via Daily Bulletin, phone PA and/or music played over speaker

- Leadership team will check BOM site at 10:45am and 1:00pm on these days and advise whether students go outside
- If hot weather policy is in place there will be normal recess play time and no lunch play
- Students can go directly to the canteen wearing a hat
- At lunch, teachers buddy where possible with neighbouring class teacher to supervise students (duty of care) and release each other for a break. Duty of care = students must be in line of sight
- No outdoor activities after 12:00 noon
- Teachers may take their class into the shade for 20 minutes during lesson time after 12:00 noon
- Student leadership responsibilities occur prior to noon eg recycling

Variations to hot weather policy

- Successive hot days (at discretion of leadership)
- A high UV rating of 11+ (extreme)
- Significant reduction in expected hot weather

No HAT No PLAY

If students do not have a hat for playtimes, they will be directed to play under shaded areas

Sunscreen

- The school supplies sunscreen for staff and student use and staff remind students to apply
- Students may provide their own
- Sunscreen is applied before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if remaining outdoors



WET WEATHER – in place when heavy rain/storms occurs

Communicated via Daily Bulletin, phone PA and/or music played over speaker

- Students will be supervised inside classrooms
- If students wish to go the canteen they need to go directly along the pathway and return directly to their classroom
- Teachers need to buddy where possible with neighbouring class teacher. Duty of care means that students must be in 'line of sight' during these times
- Teachers may take their class out for play for 20 minutes during lesson time

Variations to the wet weather policy

- Extreme cold weather (at discretion of leadership)
- Flooding/ hail

When there are exceptional circumstances, leadership may alter the above information and this will be communicated.

Reviewed and ratified by Governing Council 21/06/2022

