



Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

Extreme Weather Policy

Rationale:

School have a duty of care obligation to ensure that all students and staff are safe at all times while at school. This duty of care extends to include protection against inclement weather during times when students and staff are required to be outside.

Aims:

- To ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff during episodes of extreme weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all weather circumstances.

Implementation:

- As an integral part of the weekly yard duty timetable process – an extreme weather timetable will be activated by the Principal [or staff member acting in that role] when outside conditions are deemed unsuitable for students and staff.
- **Extreme weather** is generally defined as excessive temperatures [**34 degrees Celsius or greater**], rain, lightning, high winds or any other conditions considered unsafe by the Principal [or staff member acting in that role].
- Where extreme weather is evident prior to students being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, the Principal [or staff member acting in that role] will make a general announcement advising supervising staff to implement the Extreme Weather timetable – until advised otherwise.
- In such cases – the Learning Centre teachers will supervise the home groups appearing on the Extreme Weather Timetable. This will generally be for half of the time of the break. The supervising teacher must wait in the area of supervision until the replacement teacher arrives:
- All students are required to remain in their Learning Neighbourhoods until permission to leave is given by the supervising teacher. Students wishing to visit the toilet must receive permission from the teacher.
- Students are required to walk at all times while inside and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
- In the event of an extreme weather incident during a recess or lunch-break – the yard-duty teacher will request the Principal [or staff member acting in that role] to determine whether the extreme weather timetable is to be activated.
- The Principal [or staff member acting in that role] will then make a general announcement if it is decided that it is unsuitable to remain outside, or alternatively, that students should seek adequate shelter.
- In the event of students being required to return to the classrooms – the yard duty teachers will supervise the learning spaces until the timetabled teachers reach the classrooms, or other areas.
- All staff and students are required to wear an approved hat during **September to the end of April** whilst outdoors in line with the school's SunSmart policy.
- Students not wearing an approved hat during this period – will be required to keep in shaded areas and are not eligible to participate in any outdoor activities.

- Scheduled sport, physical education sessions or other outdoor activities will be rescheduled, alternatively organised or cancelled during periods of extreme weather.

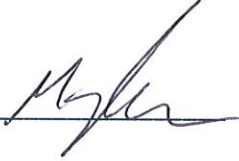
Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

Ratification

This school policy was ratified at the Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Council meeting on 12/12/2018

School Council President



Principal

