

# Inclement Weather Policy



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## Rationale:

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## Aim:

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## Implementation:

- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered to be unsuitable.
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to students being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal / Assistant Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather time-table until further notice.
- In such cases, teachers on yard duty will supervise students in their grades.
- All students will be confined to classrooms unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break.
- Students will be expected to walk indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
- In the case of inclement weather during a recess break, a yard duty teacher will inform the Principal or person in charge of the possible need to activate the inclement weather timetable.
- The Principal or person in charge will assess the situation and make the decision to call the students inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teachers will continue to supervise outside.
- All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy.
- Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of inclement weather.

## Evaluation:

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