



## **Inclement Weather Policy**

### **Rationale:**

- Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather.

### **Aims:**

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

### **Implementation:**

- An inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, dust, wind, cold or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable.
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather timetable until further notice.
- In such cases, teachers will supervise a number of grades (as previously agreed to by the teachers concerned), for half the recess or lunch break, then swap over.
- Teachers, other than classroom teachers, will similarly share supervision.
- All children will be confined to classrooms unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break.
- Children will be expected to undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
- In the case of unpredicted inclement weather occurring during a recess break, a yard duty teacher will activate the inclement weather timetable when required.
- If temperatures reach 40 degrees Celsius, as determined by the Bureau of Meteorology website forecast and a school based thermometer, all students will remain inside classrooms.
- If temperatures are between 36 degrees Celsius and 39 degrees Celsius, a modified program will be implemented. Play areas will be limited and only passive activities will be allowed. The resource room will also be opened up for students to play quiet games, read or watch a video.

### **Evaluation:**

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