

## CONCORD SCHOOL POLICY

### EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

#### PURPOSE

Schools have a duty of care for staff and students. This duty of care includes protection against extreme weather conditions during times when students would normally be outside.

#### AIMS

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

#### IMPLEMENTATION

- On days of extreme heat, high winds or other adverse or threatening weather conditions all students will be kept inside. This decision will be made by the Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing and Engagement.
- The ambient temperature and UV rating will be used to determine the level of risk to students.
- Where extreme weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, staff and students will be advised over the PA system to follow their sections Extreme Weather duty timetable until further notice.
- Sections will create an Extreme Weather duty timetable to ensure appropriate supervision is provided when students remain indoors.
- In the event where students are outside during a morning recess or a lunch break and the weather changes to extreme conditions, the school bell is manually rung and an announcement is made over the PA system. Students and staff are alerted that everyone needs to go inside and commence the Extreme Weather duty timetable.
- Concord School is a Sun Smart school. The Sun Smart policy states that hats must be worn when outside in terms 1 and 4. The Primary school strictly adhere to this policy and students in the Secondary school are encouraged to follow this policy. Staff are expected to model appropriate behaviour and wear a hat when on duty.
- To limit sun exposure on days when the UV index levels are forecast to reach 3 or above, all students participating in outdoor activities (excursions/camps/PE) must wear hats, sunscreen and, where possible, long sleeves to avoid sunburn.
- Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of extreme weather.

#### REFERENCES

[DET School Policy and Advisory Guide](#)

#### REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in December 2021 and is scheduled for review in December 2024.