

MUNDIJONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY (heat)

Rationale

Mundijong Primary School is committed to ensuring a safe and supportive school environment for our students. As such the school implements specific processes when the weather becomes extreme for the students to remain in the playground.



Aims:

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

Currently these practices occur as a matter of good sense by our teachers.

Guidelines:



School will not close during times of extreme heat unless otherwise directed by the Department of Education.

All teachers encourage children to bring water into the classroom for hydration throughout the day – all year round. In summer they encourage children to freeze the water bottle overnight.

All students are required to wear school hats. 'No Hat No Play' policy is in place throughout the school year.



All students are encouraged to wear sunscreen to school and to reapply this throughout the school day. Parents are encouraged to supply personal sunscreen protection for their children. Each block at school does have small supply of Cancer Council approved sunscreen.

Before school:

- We request that all students are to be at school no earlier than 8:30am
- Students will go directly to their classroom at 8:30am
- Students arriving earlier than 8:30am must be sat in the undercover area where they will be released for class at 8:30am.

- **Recess:**

- All students will eat their recess in the undercover area.
- Students will be released at recess to play in the undercover area and the school library only.
- **School library:** students will be able to play quiet games, read books or watch a DVD.
- No children will be permitted to play on the school oval, play equipment or basketball court.
- When the recess bell rings, students will line up in the undercover area to return to class.

Lunchtime:

- All students will eat their lunch for the first 10min in the classroom, supervised by their teacher. Teachers may organise to combine classes in order that they have a break in times of prolonged weather conditions over a couple of days.
- Once released from class, students will play in the undercover area or go to the school library.
- No students will be permitted to play on the school oval, play equipment or basketball court.
- **School Library:** students will play quiet games, read books or watch a DVD supervised by the duty teacher.
- When the lunch bell rings, students will line up in the undercover area ready to return to the classroom.

Physical Education:

- If the temperature is 39degrees and over, then all Physical education will be cancelled and lessons with that teacher will be taken in the classroom.
- Any other sporting activities will occur in the morning or be cancelled depending on the severity of the weather. (This will be determined by the Principal)

After School:

- Parents are requested to collect all students from Kindergarten to year 2.
- All students from year 3 to 6 must go home immediately after the siren.

Collection of students:

- If parents collect their child/ren for any reason during the school day 8.50am to 3.00pm then they are required to collect a leave pass from the Administration Office to give to the classroom teacher.
- No students will be released from school based on a phone call.

Recess and lunch that requires refrigeration will be placed in the classroom refrigerators.

Please make sure that students have their names on their containers.

Cheryl Wellburn

Principal

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