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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Policy

RATIONALE

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

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students, staff, parents, volunteers and contractors.

Inclement weather is generally defined as:

- extreme heat
- rain
- lightning
- dust
- wind
- smoke
- cold
- OR any other condition that is considered by the Principal 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 or Assistant Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather timetable until further notice, they will supervise their own grades and contact the Principal/Assistant Principal if they need any assistance.
- All students will be confined to classrooms unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break/sick bay.
- Students will be expected to walk indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
- In the case of unpredicted inclement weather occurring during a recess break, a yard duty teacher will inform the Principal / Assistant Principal of the possible need to activate the inclement weather timetable. The Principal / Assistant Principal will assess the situation and make the decision to call the students inside.

- In the event of students being required to come inside the school buildings, yard duty teachers will remain on outside supervision briefly while designated teachers make their way to classrooms, or other areas, that they are required to supervise.
- All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during Terms One and Four consistent with the school’s Sunsmart Policy.
- Excursions, camps, scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities may need to be reorganised or rescheduled should inclement weather occur or be predicted.
- The leadership team are responsible for ensuring that all Skye Primary school staff, students and contractors are made aware of the policy and that they comply with its requirements.

References and Acknowledgments

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/>

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL ON	
PRINCIPAL	Renee Kennedy (Acting)
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT	David Tredinnick
EVALUATION	This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle, or as required due to changes in relevant Acts, Laws, DET mandates, or should situations arise that require earlier consideration.