



Caritas
COLLEGE

Inclement & Extreme Weather Policy/Procedure

Policy

Inclement and/or extreme weather can pose safety risks and create challenging conditions for students and staff at a school.

This policy outlines the procedures to be followed in extreme and inclement weather conditions. For the purpose of this policy, it is important to define 'inclement weather' and 'extreme weather'.

'Inclement weather' refers to any weather condition that is unpleasant or uncomfortable but may not necessarily pose an immediate risk or danger to students and staff individuals. Examples of "inclement weather" include high temperature, rain, fog and wind.

High temperature is deemed to be 38 degrees or above (as indicated in real time on the link or our Staff SharePoint page).

'Extreme weather' refers to weather conditions that pose a risk students and staff. Examples of 'extreme weather' include electrical storms, high winds, hailstones, extreme heat and dust storms.

The safety and well-being of students and staff is our top priority. A "common sense" approach to student and staff welfare is adopted and this will be exercised by the Principal (or Deputy Principal) in situ on any given day in response to the weather conditions.

Procedure

In the event of 'extreme weather' and 'inclement weather' an announcement will be made via the PA system to indicate that the which procedure is operative. The Principal (or Deputy Principal) will be responsible for confirming that the which procedures will be implemented on any particular day. A roster is distributed to all staff and is available on the Staff SharePoint page.

Inclement Weather Procedure

In the event of 'inclement weather' conditions, an announcement will be made over the PA system to implement the following procedure:

- Students in Reception to Year 6 are required to be indoors for the duration of the break time.
- Students from Year 7 - 12 may choose to be in a supervised classroom, the library, Tappeiner Room or St Mary's Shelter. Classrooms and yard areas will be supervised by staff.
- All exposed play areas will be closed, this includes Hardcourt, Ovals and Junior Primary Playground and Nature Play Space.

Extreme Weather Procedure

In the event of 'extreme weather' conditions, an announcement will be made over the PA system to implement the following procedure:

- All students are to stay indoors and supervised by a staff member.
- If students are required to move to another indoor area, then they will be escorted by a staff member and remain undercover while moving between the two areas.
- If the extreme weather occurs at the end of the school day, then students will remain in class until collected by parents or otherwise directed by the Principal (or Deputy Principal).

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