



SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE POLICY

On days when it is inappropriate for children to be released from class due to inclement weather or heat the following arrangements will apply:

- A PA announcement will be made indicating that severe weather procedures are to be followed.
- The supervision of students is to be negotiated between Severe Weather Buddy Class Teachers in each block. One teacher from each pair will be on duty for the first half of the break and then the second teacher for the rest of the break.
- Teachers who are on the duty roster during that break should allow for that commitment when negotiating supervision times in the case that wet weather may be changed i.e. if you are on second duty, then you would supervise second just in case students are let out.
- The Phys/Ed Specialist will assist with the supervision of students in B Block, the Music Specialist will assist the supervision of students in A Block and the Art specialist the students in C block. Other specialist teachers i.e LOTE (B Block), PP DOTT providers (A Block) when in.
- If the weather improves and there is 20 minutes or more left of the break, the siren will be rung twice and a PA announcement made to release students and normal lunch eating, play and duty arrangements and siren times will be followed.
- If the weather changes quickly during a recess or lunch break:
 - The Administration will make a decision if wet weather arrangements are needed.
 - A PA notice will be made to alert teachers that wet weather has been called.
 - Two minutes later or as soon as practical, depending upon the weather conditions, the siren will be rung for the commencement of wet weather duty.
 - Children sheltering in the undercover area will be dismissed in an orderly manner.
- If the children have missed a break and the weather improves enough for children to have a run outside, teachers may allow students outside to play in a designated area under the classroom teacher's supervision.
- The siren will be rung at the beginning and end of all breaks.
- On Canteen days students are still permitted to go to the canteen safely and an Admin member will supervise movement of students.