



St Columba's School Bayswater

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Extreme Weather Policy

VISION STATEMENT

St Columba's Primary School aims to foster the total development of each individual, within a loving community, that is totally committed to supporting the Catholic faith, principles and ideals within the framework of the Mercy Values.

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EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURE



RATIONALE

Extreme weather is considered to be weather conditions too cold, wet, hot, windy or unsafe. Extreme weather can present as a hazard to students' and staff members' health and wellbeing. Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times, which includes protection against extreme weather during times when the students would normally be outside.

PROCEDURES

- Students should be constantly reminded of the environmental factors that they need to be aware of and ways that they can manage their own wellbeing. In hot weather, for example, items such as the type of clothing, cold water and physical exertion should be constantly brought to their attention and supervised by relevant staff.
- Reference will only be made to the Bureau of Meteorology official data for clarity and decisions.
- If it is deemed to be extreme weather, an announcement will be made over the school's Public Address system.

EXTREME HOT WEATHER

EXTREME HOT WEATHER WOULD CONSIST OF EXTREMELY HIGH TEMPERATURES DURING SUMMER. WHILE NOT SET, TEMPERATURES ABOVE 39 DEGREES SHOULD ACT AS AN INDICATOR.

- Students are to keep lunchboxes and drink bottles inside the classroom.
- Students are to remain inside their classrooms with the class teacher to eat their morning tea/lunch for the first 10 minutes of recess or lunchtime.
- During the second half of recess/lunch classes rostered on the lower playground will go to the multipurpose undercover area and will be supervised by the Areas 2 & 3 duty teachers and students rostered on the upper playground will go to the Library and will be supervised by the Areas 1 & 4 duty teachers.

severe wet/COLD WEATHER

EXTREME WET/COLD WEATHER WOULD CONSIST OF HEAVY RAIN AND/OR STRONG, GUSTY WIND, LIGHTNING, THUNDER OR HAILSTONES

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- During the second half of recess/lunch classes rostered on the lower playground will go to the multipurpose undercover area and will be supervised by the Areas 2 & 3 duty teachers and students rostered on the upper playground will go to the Library and will be supervised by the Areas 1 & 4 duty teachers.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUND

IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER BEING ANNOUNCED TEACHERS WILL FOLLOW THE ABOVE PROCEDURES FOR THE FIRST 10 MINUTES OF RECESS/LUNCH AFTER WHICH THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

- Staff in Kindergarten and Pre-primary will organize a video/DVD to be shown and staff members will develop their own roster to supervise the children.

- If wet weather is called during duty time Early Childhood teachers should immediately return to the Early Childhood Centre so that class teachers can return **to their class**.

OPTIONAL

- Where a class teacher is NOT on duty, they may choose to keep their class inside the classroom and allow students to read, play games or watch a DVD/video.
- Where class teachers in the same year level are NOT on duty, they may choose to gather the students in one classroom or open up connecting doors and share supervision so that both teachers can have a short break.