



Extreme Weather Policy

RATIONALE

These guidelines have been developed to ensure that duty of care of our students is maintained during extreme hot or wet weather periods. It has been updated to comply with the Department of Educations 'Student Health in Public Schools Policy and Procedure documents (2023). Capel Primary School is well placed to deal with Extreme Weather Events having invested heavily in additional hard covered playgrounds and covered areas, Reverse Cycle Air conditioning to all classrooms and activity areas, air conditioning in the assembly area with electric roller doors as well as additional chilled drink fountains around the school and oval.

Please note that a PA announcement prior to break times to advise staff and students of the extreme weather procedures to follow.

SEVERE WET WEATHER PROCEDURES: Students to have access to Undercover areas, undercover playgrounds, assembly area, library and or classrooms during severe wet weather. Eating in class is permitted, however please ensure mess is minimized and rubbish is disposed of appropriately. Students should be given access to toilet use. The Be Active duty roster will pivot to extreme weather activities.

HOT WEATHER PROCEDURES: In the event of extreme hot weather (Over 35 degrees) the following will be put in place:

1. PA notice to remind students to remain SunSmart and to pivot to extreme weather Be Active Lunchtime activities.
2. Sunscreen will be available at classrooms.
3. Be Active is pivoted to Extreme Weather Activities. See Duty Roster. Students can be taken to classrooms if appropriate.
4. Broad brimmed hats are required to be worn by all students when playing in the sun during recess and lunch times. Where a child does not bring a hat they will be restricted to sheltered areas.
5. Students will be encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day.
6. Fitness activities will be reduced to no more than 10 minutes.
7. Physical education lessons will, where possible, occur in shaded areas and/or the undercover area or be modified. Regular rest and drink breaks will be incorporated into the lessons.