



Port Noarlunga Primary School & Aquatics Centre



"Working Together, Learning Forever"

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUN PROTECTION

Inclement weather is the existence of climatic conditions including but not limited to the following or combination thereof:

- Extreme high temperatures
- Exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UV)
- Rain
- Hail
- High Winds
- Severe dust or electrical storm
- High Humidity
- Snow

During extreme hot temperatures, where the predicted forecast is for 36 degrees or higher for NOARLUNGA, as stated on the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/noarlunga.shtml> the following practices will occur:

Excursions/Camps

The day before an excursion the class teacher will advise parents of any alternative arrangements made if the projected weather forecast for the day of the excursion is forecast on the Bureau of Meteorology website to be 36 degrees or higher (e.g. travel by car to and from swimming/aquatics, cancellation of an excursion). Excursions in air conditioned transport to air conditioned venues need not be affected by these guidelines. Alternative arrangements may need to be made to modify the programme at a camp.

Swimming/Aquatics

Aquatics/Swimming is deemed by the Department of Education and Childhood Development to be a suitable hot weather activity. Aquatics/Swimming will only be cancelled if the circumstances are deemed unsafe by the Centre.

Out of School Hours Sport

Saturday morning sport will be cancelled where the predicted forecast is for 36 degrees or higher for NOARLUNGA, as stated on the Bureau of Meteorology website on the evening prior to the sporting event. After school sport or activities will be cancelled the day before where the predicted forecast is for 36 degrees or higher for NOARLUNGA, as stated on the Bureau of Meteorology website two nights before the activity is to be held.

School Events: (e.g. Beach Carnival, walking excursions, sporting activities at school)

Students & families will be notified that the event has been cancelled. The staff member responsible for organising the activity will notify any outside organisers of the cancellation.

Outside Play Breaks

During inclement weather students will not play outside at break times.

On most occasions the Hot Weather option will only apply at lunch times, as the temperature at recess time is usually well below the forecast maximum. Teachers working in 'paired' areas are able to release each other. For those teachers for whom this is not possible, specialist teachers will work with them to enable them to have some release time during hot or wet break times.

While our policy states that "During extreme hot temperatures, where the predicted forecast is for 36 degrees or higher for NOARLUNGA, as stated on the Bureau of Meteorology website

<http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/noarlunga.shtml> the following practices will occur" – common sense sometimes needs to be applied to that condition. For example, sometimes we do not reach the predicted maximum.

Therefore, during an obvious heat wave where we are experiencing several days of very hot weather, the policy will be strictly applied. On other occasions we will track the weather on the BOM website and gather feedback from staff, and make our final decision between recess and lunch. You will be informed if the Hot Weather Policy is to be applied.

PE Lessons

- The Gym is air conditioned and should be used for PE lessons on days when the temperature is forecast to be 36 degrees or higher on the BOM website. The PE teacher has preference for use of the Gym.

Sunsmart

- The Uniform Policy states that all students must wear a broad brim hat during Terms 1, 3 & 4.
- Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen. Students must supply and apply their own sunscreen.
- Students must wear sun-safe clothing at any time school uniform is not worn.

Inclement Weather Sirens

Inclement weather will be indicated by four sirens. Two sirens will sound to indicate the end of inclement weather.