

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL DUNNSTOWN



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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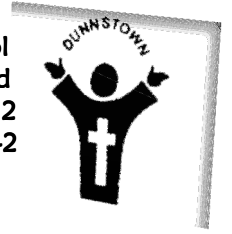
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RATIONALE:

At the Bungaree Parish Schools, we believe that the school has a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 4:1

POLICY STATEMENT:

To ensure the well-being of students and staff during times of inclement weather a planned management strategy will be consistently implemented thereby catering for all circumstances - wet weather, hot weather, dust storms and electrical storms.

DEFINITION:

Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, dust storm or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable and/or unsafe.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

GUIDELINE INDICATORS:

<p>Pastoral Care and welfare of the students and staff at the school, includes caring for them during times when weather is inclement.</p>	<p>As part of the usual yard duty time-table process, an inclement weather time-table will be activated by the Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.</p> <p>Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather time-table until further notice.</p>
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All children will be confined to classrooms, unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break.

Teachers will be responsible for organising children into the areas for eating and playing.

Students will be supervised by the teacher on duty at that time.

Children will be expected to walk indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.

On days when it is raining during play or lunch time periods students will eat their lunch under the verandah or in the classroom.

In the case of inclement weather during a recess break, the yard duty teacher will inform the Principal of the possible need to activate the inclement weather time-table.

The Principal will assess the situation and make the decision to call the children inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teacher will continue to supervise outside.

In the event of children being required to come inside the school buildings, the yard duty teacher will supervise the corridor briefly while children make their way to the classrooms.

All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy.

Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled

	or alternatively organised during times of inclement weather.
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EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year school improvement cycle.

REFLECTIVE MATERIALS

School Vision and Mission Statements

Pastoral Care Policy

Sunsmart Policy