



## College Guideline

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# Wet Weather Guideline for Staff and Students

## Introduction

The Wet Weather policy is provided to ensure a high level of duty of care for all students during periods of inclement weather. Consideration is also given to the need for staff to obtain a break period on wet days.

## Definition

The school will implement the Wet Weather Policy when it is raining or when there has been significant recent wet weather that affects playground conditions.

There may also be times where very bleak weather anticipates impending rain. The wet weather policy will come into place when it can be foreseen that the students will be unable to go out for the whole of recess or lunchtime.

## Guideline

1. Teachers accept 'Duty of Care' commencing at 8.20 am when the first supervision duty commences, concluding at 3.40pm (or when the last bus arrives at bus duty).
2. Wet Weather Procedure – Prior to lunchtime dismissal
  - a. Wet weather will be called by a member of the school leadership team via an email to all teachers
  - b. When wet weather is announced all normal playground duties are suspended and on duty teachers follow the wet weather processes
  - c. Students are expected to remain in undercover areas identified in the "undercover areas for wet weather days" shown in Appendix 1
  - d. No equipment at all is permitted on the paved areas during a wet weather call.
3. Wet weather procedure - during lunchtime
  - a. If the rain is mild the students are to move from the oval and meet in the approved undercover areas identified on the "Undercover areas for wet weather days" until the rain passes
  - b. If the rain becomes heavier students will be advised by the teacher on duty where they should go. The wet weather policy will then be enforced
  - c. Once wet weather has been called it is to be enforced for the whole of the designated breaktime, and full wet weather protocols are to be followed
  - d. If the rain clears and the outdoor areas are deemed safe, teachers can take their own class out for a break under their supervision.
4. Wet weather procedure – before and after school
5. Before school
  - a. students are to assemble in the undercover area of F Block. If the weather is deemed severe the school leadership team will inform students where they should go

6. After school

a. If there is heavy rain, and or thunder and lightning:

- Bus students are to wait under cover at the bus shelter; duty staff are to assist students from the school, avoiding potential hazards/puddles to the exit point on BROADWAY
- Students who are riding or walking will remain at school until it is considered safe for them to leave i.e.: the rain has lessened and there is no thunder and lightning. The office will notify parents if the storm is ongoing.

## Enquiries

Leadership team

Principal

## Appendix

### Appendix 1

### Undercover areas for wet weather days

