

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Gembrook Primary School.

RATIONALE:

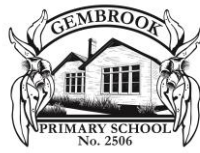
Gembrook Primary School strives to ensure that staff and students participate in the educational program in the safest environment possible, minimising the risk of harm. The health, safety and wellbeing of staff, students and visitors will be paramount during extreme weather conditions including heat, cold, winds, storms and or rain.

AIMS:

To ensure that the health and safety of students, staff and visitors is the paramount consideration during extreme weather conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Gembrook Primary School will only close on the direction of Department of Education and Training (D.E.T) for example: in the event of a Code Red forecast.
- Gembrook Primary School will continue to operate under most weather conditions.
- Days of extreme weather conditions should be noted with instructions via Compass, the staffroom whiteboard, email and text message system, as required.
- Academic classes will run as normal with the teacher varying learning activities appropriately to accommodate the prevailing weather.
- Activities outside may be postponed or cancelled at temperatures below 10 and above 34 degrees, or in the event of heavy rain, violent wind or storm. Staff in charge of activities should monitor weather forecasts and advise those concerned of any changes to plans as soon as possible.
- On days of high winds and/or heavy rainfall, staff and students must not shelter under trees.
- Students will not use the oval and other open areas during break times during extreme weather.
- During periods of extreme weather, students will remain either indoors or in undercover areas.
- Students will be encouraged to use personal water bottles at all times, as required.
- Appropriate protection from the prevailing weather will be encouraged. This will include coats, sunscreen and hats.
- Gembrook Primary School is a Sunsmart School with hats essential for outdoor play and outdoor classes from Mid August to April 30th each year.
- Teachers will monitor students for signs of distress relating to weather conditions and provide the appropriate first aid as required.
- Gembrook Primary School will monitor visitors for weather related stress.
- The Principal and staff off-site at camps or excursions will monitor weather forecasts and conditions and cancel or vary the program plan to ensure the health and safety of all involved and in accordance with any advice from D.E.T.



EVALUATION:

Student, staff and visitor health and safety are ensured during extreme weather conditions.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2021
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