



WET WEATHER POLICY

RATIONALE

Our "Duty of Care" states that we are responsible for the safety and well-being of the children in our care. Providing students with a Wet Weather Policy will eliminate the risk of illness and injury to staff and students.

GUIDELINES

Recess

- An announcement will be made over the PA prior to Recess to confirm **Wet Weather Policy**.
- Students can go outside but must stay undercover at all times.
- Permitted areas are the verandahs and undercover area.
- Teachers may wish to stay in their classroom with their students and just have a quick toilet and drink break.
- Duty teachers continue as per roster with the oval teacher and admin assisting in congested areas, i.e. undercover area.
- Duty teachers should encourage students to conduct a quiet activity on verandahs and Undercover Area and not run around.

Lunch

- An announcement will be made over the PA prior to Lunch time to confirm **Wet Weather Policy**.
- 12.45 – 1.05pm, students eat lunch under duty teacher supervision;
 - by rooms 8, 9 and 10
 - on the verandah by Rooms 1, 2 & 3
 - in the undercover area
 - teachers may wish to stay in their classroom with their students if they are not on duty

In very severe wet weather, students eat lunch in their rooms under teacher supervision.

- 1.05-1.25 Duty Areas
 - **Music Room** for years 1 to 3 students, will be supervised by Mr Gilchrist (or admin if Mr Gilchrist has completed a recess or first lunch duty).
 - **Room 11** for years 4 to 6 students, will be supervised by the senior duty teacher.
 - **Library** will operate normally with the library duty teacher supervising.
 - **Undercover Area** will be supervised by the oval duty teacher.
 - **Verandahs** will be supervised by the middle duty teacher.
 - **Admin** will assist as needed across all areas.
- Students should choose an area and remain there for the full 20 minute period.
- Duty teachers should encourage students to conduct a quiet activity on verandahs and Undercover Area and not run around.

Other Information

- NO SPORTS GEAR IS TO GO OUT OF THE SPORTS SHED.
- Students are not to run across the quadrangle.
- If rain starts during recess/lunch, a duty teacher is to inform admin and clear the playground and oval using the megaphone from the deputy's office.
- If rain stops, **admin will determine whether students can resume playing.** Usually the wet weather will remain in place to avoid slips on wet paving and

equipment as well as wet and muddy clothing from the oval. Cancellation of wet weather will be communicated via PA and megaphone and still no sports gear to go out of shed.