



SADDLEWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Values: Quality Relationships, Diversity, Achievement, Security, Enjoyment

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to ensure the safety of its employees, students and the Saddleworth Primary School community during potential exposure to extreme weather.

Saddleworth Primary School is a member of the Sunsmart Schools program and has a Saddleworth Sunsmart Policy that is implemented throughout the year.

Hot Weather Policy:

All rooms throughout the school are air-conditioned. On days of very hot weather, consideration is given to opening some classrooms at recess or lunchtimes by teachers for student comfort.

When the temperature on any given day at 12:30pm is 35°C degrees or higher, students will eat their lunch as per normal routines ensuring they are undercover. All students will then play in either the UP classroom or the Library. Normal Safety Officer Roster applies. Additional supervision will be allocated on the day depending upon availability of staff. If the maximum forecast temperature is 35°C or above, there will be no outdoor activities after recess.

Wet Weather Policy: On days when it is wet at recess or lunch all students will eat either their recess or lunch as per normal routines ensuring they are undercover. For recess they will remain undercover outside their classrooms. For lunch all students will then play in either the UP classroom or the Library. Normal Safety Officer Roster applies. Additional supervision will be allocated on the day depending upon availability of staff. If the weather clears students can go out to play and the rostered Safety Officer resumes normal yard duty.

When wet weather begins after children have gone out to play the bell will be rung to notify children to come inside.

Windy Weather Policy: Saddleworth can experience severe winds. If the weather is very windy children will be advised not to play under any trees. If the weather is extremely windy and causing high levels of dust to be blown around, the extreme weather policy will be implemented.

Excursions

Excursions generally occur by bus and these are mostly air-conditioned. Some local excursions involve students walking to the destination. If the forecasted temperature is 35°C or above, a review of the excursion will occur.

In extreme weather the Bushfire Action Plan will be activated.