



Marryatville Primary School

Inclement Weather Policy

Date – November 2015

<p>Vision</p>	<p>The comfort and safety of all students is maintained during play periods affected by inclement weather.</p>
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>To have a clear and effective process for managing inclement weather, maintaining high levels of duty of care for all students. Inclement weather is defined as –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet and rainy (decision will be made by yard duty teacher or leadership) • When the temperature exceeds 36 degrees (as stated forecast on the front page of that day’s “The Advertiser” newspaper).
<p>Policy detail / actions</p>	<p>Hot Weather When the forecast temperature is 36 degrees students are not permitted to take sport equipment outside and they must stay in the shade. Yard duty teachers have the duty of care to ensure that students are not playing in the sun. Classroom teachers have the responsibility to be explicit with students at the beginning of playtimes about play expectations. The teacher on top oval/JP playground must implement a risk assessment on the rubber play surface. If an adult cannot comfortably hold their hand on the rubber play surface for a slow count of five, it is not safe for students to play on. During warmer weather, an adult should test the surface during the day as early morning coolness may give way to hotter conditions later in the day. When the forecast temperature is 38 degrees or above, students will remain indoors at lunch time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be notified by the Day Book. • If there is a cool change, teachers will be notified and students will play outside. Normal yard duty will resume. • The Library is closed on hot weather days. • Classroom teachers need to establish a buddy system with the class next door and then negotiate equitable release arrangements. • Specialist teachers will maximise the amount of release that staff receive – PE teacher – top Dankel, History teacher – bottom Dankel, French teacher – Regent, Music teacher/Deputy – bottom Dankel, Librarian/Deputy – Shipsters. • Specialist teachers are equally entitled to a break. • Students must be reminded of boundaries, activities and rules during indoor play times. <p>Wet Weather If it is raining before school the teacher on yard duty from 8.30am will move students to veranda areas. It is recommended that classroom teachers open their classrooms as early as possible. Once the room is open teachers must remain in duty of care. The wet weather bell is 3 short bells.</p>

	<p>If it is raining before students go outside for recess or lunch, one of the office staff will ring the wet weather bell. If it begins to rain during playtime, the teacher on Bitumen yard duty will make the decision and send a student to the Front Office to request the wet weather bell be rung.</p> <p>If the rain clears and it seems appropriate to let students outside to play, the bell will sound – one long blast.</p> <p>Classroom supervision during Wet Weather is the same as Hot Weather.</p>
Supporting documents/ related items	Sun Smart Policy
Review	January 2017 – a timetable for wet/hot weather supervision in classrooms will be devised.