



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

RATIONALE

Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. The duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside.

PRINCIPLES

To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

PROCEDURES

Students should be constantly reminded of the environmental factors that they need to be made aware of and how they can manage their own well being. Items such as the type of clothing, cold water and physical exertion should be constantly brought to their attention and supervised by relevant staff.

Reference will only be made to the Bureau of Meteorology's official data for clarity and decisions.

SEVERE HOT WEATHER

Severe hot weather would consist of extremely high temperatures during summer. During this extreme weather condition, children at St Pius X School follow the Severe Weather Procedure during recess and lunch. While not set, temperatures above 39 degrees should act as an indication.

Children are allowed to go outside on the oval and undercover areas but encouraged to use shady areas.

If it is unbearably hot, the Library and classrooms will be opened, and children are encouraged to utilise this facility in a cooler environment. The teachers on duty supervise these children with assistance from staff where needed.

SEVERE COLD WEATHER

During the winter months, the extreme weather would consist of heavy rain accompanied by strong, gusty wind, lightning, thunder or hailstones.

In this event, the oval is out of bounds. The Library and classrooms will be opened. The teachers on duty supervise these children with assistance from all staff.

Sporting equipment is not permitted to be taken out of the classroom during recess or lunch in any extreme weather conditions.

The Leadership Team will call the 'SEVERE Weather Procedure' over the PA and inform staff accordingly. Teachers are required to explain to the children what needs to be done.