



St Joseph's School
Port Lincoln

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Extreme Weather Procedure

Clarification Procedure

- As a general rule, students are permitted inside buildings, only when a teacher is present. This rule still applies on wet days and on days of extreme cold or heat.
- In the event of extreme weather conditions supervision of students in classrooms will apply.
- Extreme Weather Procedures are announced by three blasts of the siren.

Wet Weather

- Front Office staff will make the decision to call 'Wet Weather'.
- 'Wet Weather' may be called at Recess / Lunch if the weather is inclement and there are predicted or prolonged bursts of heavy rain.
- Three short blasts will signal 'Wet Weather'.
- When 'Wet Weather' is called, students, Pastoral Care teachers and Yard Duty teachers are to return to their classes.
- Once back in classrooms, teachers can work out amongst themselves how to share the supervision of students.
- If rain stops, the Front Office staff will call off 'Wet Weather' with two short blasts of the siren, accompanied by a voice announcement (20 minute rule has been abolished).

Hot Weather

- School remains open for the normal times
- Buses run at the normal times (unless catastrophic fire conditions exist or a fire exists)
- The School will never send students home - rather it is at the parents' request that children go home early
- Parents may decide to keep students home all day - this needs to be communicated to the School office as parents would normally do when a student returns to school after an absence.
- If parents decide in the morning to allow their children to come home at lunch time this time is to be communicated to the class teacher.
- If during the course of the day, parents decide to collect their children early, students (Reception - Year 12) need to be collected from the Front Office. This is necessary so we can keep track of who is or is not in our care.
- Students may not use the phone and ask to go home. If they are genuinely sick, Office Staff will contact parents as they usually do
- In summary, on extremely hot days, parents are free to keep their children home or to collect them early, but need to do so according to the above guidelines.