



Severe Weather Policy

Rationale

TWA aims to provide a 'safe' environment for students, staff, families and visitors. At times, weather conditions can place people on our school grounds in unsafe situations. The Severe Weather Policy provides procedures, which will maximise the safety of every person on our school site.

Definitions

Severe weather includes:

- extreme high temperatures
- high UV levels
- heavy rain or hail
- strong winds
- severe dust or sand storm

The leadership team will monitor, daily weather forecasts and identify any potential severe weather risks.

Hot Weather

The following procedures will be enacted throughout the school on 'hot weather policy' days.

Snack and Lunch Breaks

TWA does not close because of hot weather. All classrooms and general-purpose learning areas across the school are air-conditioned.

When the temperature on any given day at 10.45am or 12:45pm is 36 degrees or more:

Staff (will be notified via email) and students will remain inside their classrooms supervised by teachers who will share supervision duties between adjoining classes. Specialist teachers will report to the Heads of Schools and will provide release for any teachers with no adjoining class or who are required to be on duty outside during the day.

Physical Education Lessons

PE lessons will be modified to accommodate the heat. The PE teacher will have priority for using the gym on these days to enable the program to continue in a suitably modified fashion. Frequent water breaks will be provided. There will be no outside PE lessons by PE teacher or classroom teachers after 11:05am on 'Hot Weather days.

Homework

Students will not be set any written homework on nights of extreme heat.

School Sports and Practices

Sporting matches and practices will be cancelled on "Hot Weather" days. Exceptions to this rule are possible, e.g. an air-conditioned stadium or for sports that start and finish early in the day. Having made a risk assessment, the Headmaster may approve a match or practice. Coaches/ coordinators are responsible for communicating this decision to players and parents.

For out of school hour's sports the Hot Weather Day will be applied on a day when a forecast maximum for 38C or greater is reported to the school.



Wet Weather

If the person on duty in the Front Office observes at 9:00 or 11:15am that it is raining, the Heads of School and Headmaster will be notified of wet weather and students will remain inside their classrooms.

If rain begins during a play period the teacher on duty in the field area will send in a messenger requesting to inform Front Office.

When 'wet weather day' is enacted children will play indoors. Students will be supervised in classrooms by class teachers, who will share supervision duties between adjoining classes. Specialist teachers will report to the Heads of Schools and will provide release for any teachers with no adjoining class or who are required to be on field duty outside during the day.

If the weather clears with 10 minutes left of recess or lunch play the Head of Schools and/or Headmaster or a delegated representative will inform teachers signalling a return to play time. Normal duties will resume.

Consultation will occur with the operations team if the field/playground or another area outside is too wet and not suitable for students to play. Staff will be informed if this occurs via email.

Other weather conditions

The School may elect to implement restrictions where local conditions are severe and pose an increased risk for student participation. These conditions could include excessive wind, hail or sand storm.

A decision will be made by the Leadership Team, in collaboration with key staff, to discern the impact of potential weather conditions on the safety of students.