



Topic: SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

Policy No: D14

Policy Area: COMMUNITY

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Date for Review: 2016

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1. RATIONALE

The Wet Weather policy is provided to ensure a high level of duty of care for all students during periods of inclement weather. Consideration is also given to the need for staff to obtain a break period on wet days.

2. DEFINITION

2.1 The school will implement the Wet Weather Policy when it is raining or when there has been significant recent wet weather that affects playground conditions.

2.2 There may also be times where very bleak weather anticipates impending rain. The wet weather policy will come into place when it can be foreseen that the students will be unable to go out for the whole of recess or lunch time.

3. SCOPE

Staff students at Assumption Catholic Primary School

4. PRINCIPLES

4.1 Teachers accept 'Duty of Care' commencing at 8.30 am when the first bell rings, and concluding at 3.30pm

4.2 Wet Weather Procedure – Prior to lunchtime dismissal

- Wet weather will be called by a member of the school leadership team through an announcement over the school PA system and or/ sounding of the school siren.
- When wet weather is announced all normal playground duties are suspended and classroom teachers are to supervise their own children in their classrooms.
- Teachers can arrange with adjoining classroom colleagues or specialist teachers to supervise their children in order to leave the classroom for a short break.
- Specialist teachers to 'float' around the school providing a break to classroom teachers.
- No equipment at all is permitted on the paved areas during a wet weather call.

4.3 **Wet weather procedure - during lunchtime**

- If the rain is mild the students are to move from the oval and meet in the undercover area until the rain passes.
- If the rain becomes heavier students are to return to the classrooms. The wet weather policy will then be enforced. Supervising teachers are to inform staff, who are then to return to their classrooms and follow wet weather procedures.
- Once wet weather has been called it is to be enforced for the whole of the designated break time and full wet weather protocols are to be followed.
- If the rain clears and the outdoor areas are deemed safe, teachers can take their own class out for a break under their supervision.

4.4 **Wet weather procedure – before and after school**

4.5 Before school - students are to assemble in the undercover area. Teachers are generally in classrooms from 8.15 am. If weather is deemed severe the school leadership team will send students to classroom as per the wet weather policy guidelines for lunch and recess.

4.6 After school - duty staff are to assist students from the school, avoiding potential hazards/puddles to the exit point on Oakmont Avenue. Duty staff will provide necessary care for students, offering shelter and aid them in moving to the their parents.

5. REVIEW HISTORY

Year of Review	Reviewed by	Amendments/Review
2009	School staff	reviewed
2014	School administration team	reformatted

6. NEXT REVIEW

Year	Responsibility
2017	School administration team