



Phoenix Primary School

Learn Grow Succeed

# Extreme Weather Guidelines

## Rationale

Phoenix Primary School is committed to ensuring a safe and supportive school environment for our students. As such, the school implements specific processes to support our children when the weather becomes too extreme for the students to remain in the playground.

## Guidelines:

The procedures for *wet weather* will be implemented when the Principal or their nominee determines the conditions are not suitable for the children to be outside.

The procedures for *hot weather* will be implemented when the Principal or their nominee determines temperatures are unsuitable for the children to be outside.

These guidelines will change and vary depending on the extreme weather conditions being experienced and the age of the children. The weather will be monitored and guidelines implemented as appropriate to the conditions.

With so many variables around weather such as heat, cold, rain, lightning, humidity and prolonged hot days, we will not nominate specific temperatures when these guidelines will be implemented. We will monitor the situation as extreme conditions present themselves.

Please note, the school will not close during times of extreme heat unless directed by the WA Department of Education. The school is air-conditioned, has ceiling fans, cold water bubblers and is well insulated.

- ◆ All teachers encourage children to bring water into the classroom for hydration during the day, throughout the year. Parents are asked to ensure your child has a water bottle.
- ◆ The 'No Hat No Play' policy is in place throughout the year. We are a Sun Smart School.
- ◆ All students are encouraged to wear sunscreen to school and to reapply this throughout the school day. Parents are encouraged to supply personal sunscreen protection for their children. The school does not supply sunscreen.
- ◆ Children will remain in classrooms, or restricted to covered areas around the school depending on the weather type.
- ◆ Children will be allowed to store lunch boxes in classrooms. Parents are encouraged to supply their child with an insulated lunch box.
- ◆ Children will eat their recess and lunch in supervised classrooms/ undercover areas during extreme conditions. Admin will notify all classes via the PA system, five minutes before the siren if extreme weather procedures are to be enacted. Where possible, teachers can combine classes to ensure all staff members have a break. Should the weather clear during this time, the Admin will determine if the students can be released and the normal duty roster will apply.
- ◆ Physical education lessons will be cancelled, modified or conducted in covered areas depending on the extreme weather and age of children. This decision will be made by the Principal in conjunction with the Physical Education teacher.

Please make sure that students have their names on their containers, lunch boxes, water bottles and hats to assist staff to identify and return lost property.

**We are 100% responsible for 100% of all students 100% of the time.**