



DURACK SCHOOL WET WEATHER POLICY

During the wet season we are subject to severe storms which can be hazardous. To ensure the safety of the students during wet weather, the following procedures will be implemented.

RECESS AND LUNCH TIME WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

A wet weather recess or lunch will be declared when:

- it appears a severe storm is imminent
- there has been heavy rain and grounds are unsafe for students
- there is steady rain and children would be unable to stay dry outside under verandahs

An announcement will be made over the PA by the leadership team prior to recess/lunch play and students are to remain in their classroom and participate in different activities.

Teachers 'buddy up' to supervise each other's classes so that they can have a drink/food/toilet break. Specialist teachers will assist in each block as rostered at the beginning of each semester. Students should not operate any electrical items during an electrical storm eg computers and iPads

Students are permitted to go to the toilets but they are discouraged from getting wet. Those students who have wet clothing will be sent to the office and a parent will be contacted to bring dry clothes.

If wet weather is called at recess/lunch play it will be for the whole session.

If students are able to go out to play at recess/lunch and it is raining leadership will ensure the library and hall are open to provide more undercover area for the students

BEFORE SCHOOL WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

The library will be opened for children to seek shelter and/or teachers will be asked to open rooms before the first bell.

AFTER SCHOOL WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the case of a passing severe electrical storm or if it is raining too heavily when the students are to be dismissed from school at 2.30pm the following procedures will be actioned:

1. Announcement will be made via the PA system
2. Students will remain in class until:
 - the electrical storm has passed over or heavy rain has eased
 - they are collected from the class by a parent, guardian or after school carer
 - Executive Leadership has deemed it safe for students to make their way home
 - **Students will not be dismissed to go to meet parents**
3. Students attending the Durack Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will remain in class until the electrical storm has passed over or the rain has eased. They will then be dismissed to make their way to the OSHC area. In extreme cases where the rain/storm continues for more than 30 minutes the students will be collected by OSHC Staff and supervised in the assembly area until it is safe to go across to the OSHC areas.
4. Students relying on bus transport or being collected by an off premises OSHC centre will remain in class until they are called to the front office to be collected and/or catch their bus.
5. Parents will be notified when possible via announcements on Facebook and/or Class Dojo and/or the School Digital Noticeboard.

6. Parents may come and collect students earlier from the classroom if there is an impending storm. Teachers will dismiss students when parents arrive at the classroom.

NB: Phones are not to be used during electrical storm

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

This policy will be communicated to parents through the school newsletter at the beginning of Terms 1 and 4 (Wet Season)

This policy to be reviewed every 2 years.

Parents will be notified via announcements on Class Dojo and/or an email and/or sign on noticeboard outside school.

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