

Flagstaff Hill R-7 School

HOT & EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

On days forecast by the Weather Bureau (BOM) as **36°C or more**, the hot weather policy applies.

Lunch Time :

- For temperatures less than **36°C**, students go out to play as usual and are encouraged to play in the shade and drink plenty of fluids.
- For temperatures over **36°C**, leadership will determine if a shortened lunch time will take place or an inside lunch time. For a shortened lunch time - Students go out to play for 15 minutes and are encouraged to play in the shade and reminded to drink plenty of fluids.

All staff will exercise duty of care when taking students for physical activity/fitness lessons during hot weather to ensure that students do not overheat and that sun exposure is kept to a minimum. Staff are advised to minimise outdoor activities between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

Parents are reminded to ensure children apply sun block and bring their water bottles daily. Parents may also exercise their right to keep students home on days of extreme heat.

COMPETITION SPORT POLICY

If the BOM Website at 4.30pm shows the following day's forecast to be 36 degrees or above, all Games and Trainings for that day will be cancelled. For example, if Tuesday's forecast is 36 degrees on BOM on Monday at 4.30 pm, Tuesday's Games & Practices will be cancelled. The procedure will also apply to days of extreme weather.

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

All children R-7 are required to wear an approved hat when outside, regardless of the weather - except during terms 2 and 3 between May and September. This includes lunches, any lessons held outside and excursions.

EXTREME WEATHER

On days of extreme weather such as extreme wind, rain, hail or thunderstorms, staff at Flagstaff Hill R-7 School will exercise duty of care and implement a 'No outside activities' procedure. This may include reduced playtime, no outdoor playtime or emergency evacuation by calling all students inside.

BEFORE SCHOOL INCLEMENT WEATHER

Yard supervision commences at 8.30am. Students should not be in the yard before this time unless being supervised by a parent/ carer.

In the event of inclement or extreme weather after 8.30 am, the siren will sound twice indicating students may enter the classroom and wait in an appropriate manner until the class or supervising teacher arrives.

The learning program will commence at 8.50 am

EXCURSIONS

Please Note: School leadership may override this policy if circumstances on the day change. Where an excursion is planned for a day of HOT or EXTREME weather, leadership will determine the safety of the excursion and advise if it should continue. If it is decided to cancel the excursion a refund may not be possible and where possible the excursion may be rescheduled.