



**DAWSON PARK**  
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## Extreme Weather Policy



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## Rationale

Whenever possible, Dawson Park Primary School students are encouraged to be outside during break times. However, we recognise that sometimes weather that is too wet, windy, or with extremely high temperatures require staff to take measures to manage risks. This policy serves as a guide to provide a safe and comfortable learning, work and recreation environment for students and staff at Dawson Park Primary School.

## Purpose

- To provide staff with clear direction regarding student supervision during break times of extreme weather.
- To ensure that, despite extreme weather supervision, all staff can access food and drink and have access to a break.
- To ensure that all staff contribute to student supervision during extreme weather.

## Guidelines

- Extreme weather decisions will be made by Admin and called over the PA before the recess or lunch break.
- If the weather eases to safe levels during the break, staff and students will be notified by the Principal or Deputy Principal via the PA system and students can move into normal playground arrangements. If restricted play areas are deemed necessary, these will be advised. Normal staff duty procedures will apply.

## Procedures

- If extreme weather is called during a break a PA announcement will be made and the siren will sound earlier to alert students to return to class.
- When extreme weather is called by Admin, students stay inside classrooms.
- The break time is to be supervised by a teacher. In adjoining rooms teachers can share the supervision load, allowing each teacher to take a break for half the time.
- Where classrooms are stand alone, a member of the Admin team or DOTT teacher will provide release either during the break or shortly afterwards.
- This is not learning time; students should be allowed to socialise and/or play quiet indoor games.

## Definitions

**Wet Weather:** Drizzle to moderate rainfall

**Wind:** If the wind is demonstrating a threat to students and staff safety.

**Lightning:** If lightning is observed within the immediate area, or a thunderstorm is imminent, but it is currently not raining.

**Heat:** If it is at or over 38 degrees Celsius immediately before or during the recess or lunch break.