

Extreme Weather Policy

Purpose:

This policy outlines the procedures Piara Waters Primary School has set in regards to Extreme Weather. This policy has been developed to provide guidelines for the school in ensuring safety for all students. It takes into account the Department's Duty of Care policy and the Cancer Council WA Sun Smart Policy.

Definition:

At Piara Waters Primary School, Extreme Weather is defined as one or more of the following

1. Severe Wet Weather – thunder/lightning, storm, heavy rain
2. Extreme Hot Weather – Temperature is at or above 37 Degrees Celsius **and** relative humidity is over 30%

The end decision pertaining to the cancellation or postponement of physical lessons, events or carnivals will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Do we remain open during Extreme Weather?

Yes. The Government of Western Australia invested heavily in our infrastructure to ensure that all enclosed areas at Piara Waters Primary School are fully air conditioned and protected against Severe Wet Weather and Extreme Hot Weather.

Procedures:

In the event of 'Extreme Weather' the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Outside Physical Education lessons, events or carnivals will be postponed and/or modified to suit the conditions. Physical Education teachers will conduct modified lessons in the Art Room or Undercover Area as appropriate.
2. All lunch boxes (and school bags where appropriate) to be taken into the classroom at the start of the day if 'Extreme Weather' is predicted.
3. Prior to recess/lunch, an announcement will be made by Administration over the PA system notifying the school of 'Extreme Weather' protocols to be followed. **Please note that drizzle/sprinkling rain is not considered 'Severe Wet Weather'. If there is no announcement, then regular duty procedures will apply.*
4. Once '**Extreme Weather**' has been called, procedures will stay in place for the duration of the recess (10.30-10.50) and/or lunch break (12.50-1.20pm).
5. In this case, please combine your students with the classroom next to you (See roster below). Allow the students to engage in some quiet activities and take turns to release the teacher next door to you for a toilet break. If you are in a demountable then Specialists will come around to release you for a break.
6. If the weather clears during recess/lunch and you want to take your class out to stretch their legs, please do this with the classroom next to you. You will need to remain on duty with your classes.
7. You're welcome to take your class out during class time to stretch their legs if the weather clears at other times in the day and they've missed their play time.

***Please note:**

- if it is sprinkling **or** there is no announcement over the PA, then the normal roster is in place.
- if it starts raining in the middle of recess or lunch, then a single bell will sound for all teachers and students to return to classrooms immediately.

Year Level	Combine rooms	Demountable release
Kindy	Rm 1 & 2	Alanna
Kindy/ PP	Rm 3 & 4	
Pre-primary	Rm 5, 6	Michelle Y
Pre-primary	Rm 7, 8 & 9	
Yr 1	Rm 12 & 13	
Yr 1/2	Rm 14 & 15	
Yr 1	Rm 10 & 11	
Yr 2	Rm 16 & 17	
Yr 2	Rm 18 & 19	
Yr 3	Rm 21 & 22	
Yr 3	Rm 24 & 25	Gillian, Katherine W, Ellie R
Yr 3	Rm 26	
Yr 3/4	Rm 27 & 28	Vanitha Skye
Yr 4/5	Rm 29 & 30	
Yr 5	Rm 31 & 32	Sarah T, Irma & Anna, Erin
Yr 6	Rm 33 & 34	
Yr 6	Rm 35, 36	
Yr 6	Rm 37	