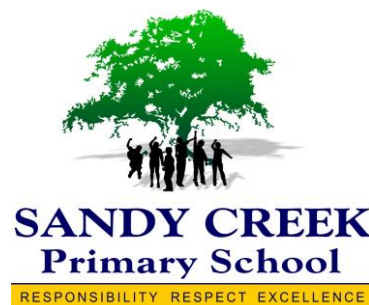


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Inclement Weather Policy

Philosophical Basis

Sandy Creek Primary aims to provide a 'safe' environment for students, staff, families and visitors. At times, weather conditions can deteriorate rapidly and place people on our school grounds in unsafe situations. The Inclement Weather Policy provides procedures which will maximise the safety of every person on our school site.

Mandatory Provisions

Inclement Weather:

Extreme/Hot Temperature

HOT WEATHER PROCEDURE

~ Recess/Lunchtime

On days of extreme heat, 36° or above, students will stay indoors (usually the Resource Centre) at lunch and recess times, being supervised inside by the rostered teachers for yard duty.

Activities: Computer access, toy boxes from JP

HIGH WINDS

~Recess/Lunchtime

Eucalypts are well known for dropping limbs. As our school has a number of play areas surrounded by tall gums, on days of high winds, the students will not be able to play within those areas.

WET WEATHER PROCEDURE

~ Recess/Lunchtime

When moderate/heavy rainfall is evident at 10.55am or 12.45pm:

- If before break period classes will be notified and students will remain in class to eat and then the Resource Centre will be open for inside play.
- If rain is persistent, when students are playing outside, the students will move either under shelter or depending on time into the Library.

Note:

If the weather clears before 11:10am or 1.20pm a normal siren blast will signal that students can go out to play – teachers resume normal yard duty.

Consultation will occur across the school if the school grounds or an area within the school grounds are too wet and not suitable for students to play. Staff will be informed before recess or lunch time.

BUSHFIRES

Bushfires pose a threat to the whole community, including schools and preschools. Our school community needs to be prepared for bushfires.

Sandy Creek Primary School **will be closed** on high fire risk days of **forecast catastrophic** (Code Red) bushfire weather conditions.

Parents will be advised of school closures the day before forecast catastrophic weather conditions and will need to make alternative arrangements for their children.

ABC Local Radio will broadcast advice on the evening before any closures.

Sandy Creek Primary School is situated in the Mount Lofty Fire Ban District

Bushfire Management Plan (see full plan 'J Drive; Health and Safety; Bushfires)

Identify a Safe Refuge building.(Classrooms)

Schedule training for staff and students.

Continually review Emergency Response Plan.

Listen to the local radio or TV for bushfire/weather warnings and advice.

Liaise with CFS, MFS and SA Police re safety intensions for staff and students.

Notify parents/caregivers of the impending lockdown.

Call together the site's emergency response team to implement emergency procedures.