



Independent Public School

# Settlers Primary School Inclement Weather Policy

## Policy Statement

In the event that the weather is not conducive to providing a safe environment for outdoor play and learning activities the following policy will be implemented. The BOM weather website or mobile app should be used to determine the suitability of implementing this policy.

## Procedures

### Recess and Lunch Breaks

If immediately before the recess or lunch break the weather conditions are not conducive to a safe environment:

1. The Principal or Deputy Principal will advise staff and students via the PA system that the weather policy is being implemented.
2. Students are to remain in their classrooms throughout the break period. Recess and lunch foods are to be consumed within. Students may be released to access the canteen where necessary.
3. Within teaching blocks teachers are to provide supervision and suitable activities for the break period. Teachers are to organise within their teaching blocks to release each other for their own personal break requirements.
4. Specialist teachers to provide supervisory support to classroom teachers, in particular teachers in demountable classrooms.

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.

### Physical Education

If the weather conditions are not conducive to a safe environment to conduct physical education classes outdoors, activities will be relocated to the Covered Assembly Area or alternative suitable space.

## Definitions

**Rain** - If it is raining prior to recess or lunch and it is likely to continue through these times, or if rain is imminent.

**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 36 degrees Celsius immediately before or during the recess or lunch break.