



Extreme Weather Guidelines

Throughout the year the weather can present additional challenges during the school day. To support this the administration of these guidelines is based on an understanding that the school encourages a commonsense approach to extreme weather conditions. Extreme weather may include (but is not limited to) heavy rain, wind, temperature, cyclone, etc.

These guidelines attempt to address the needs of all individuals. However, the nature of an extreme weather event will require extra adjustment and vigilance from what is part of the school's normal understandings and operations. In the event of extreme weather, parents may choose to keep their child/ren at home or withdraw their child/ren for parts of the school program.

Remaining open during extreme weather

Unless directed to close by the Deputy Director General Schools, in consultation with the Director of Education, during long periods of high temperatures, Mount Pleasant Primary School will remain open as usual. The Government of Western Australia invested heavily in our infrastructure to ensure that all class areas at MPPS are fully air conditioned.

Strategies

Heat Management planning:

- All parts of the school are air conditioned
- A number of buildings have large verandahs that provide shelter from the sun and rain
- Build upon staff and student awareness about the prevention, monitoring and identification of heat stress symptoms
- Our uniform options incorporate UV protection and cooling fabrics

Managing the school day during excessive heat or heatwave conditions:

- Modify normal school activities during excessive heat
- Postpone any outdoor or sporting activities where appropriate
- Increase access to the coolest areas of the school grounds or facilities for lessons or other activities

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Managing the school day during excessive heat or heatwave conditions (cont.):

- Ensure student with additional support needs are appropriately supervised, including the monitoring of their hydration
- Facilitate and encourage students to drink plenty of water and to stay out of the sun
- Department of Health recommends that during hot weather, water (room temperature of slightly cool rather than very cold) is the best fluid to drink
- Undertake normal first aid procedures in the event of a student or staff member becoming heat stressed

Hot weather procedures

In the event of extreme hot weather, the following will be put in place:

- Library will be opened for students to access at recess / lunch time
- Basketball and tennis courts will be closely monitored, and students encouraged to seek shade or play undercover
- Checking of metal play equipment to monitor heat levels of the structures with children directed away from these during extreme heat
- Hats are required to be worn by all students at all times, “*yes hat, yes play*” when playing in the sun during recess and lunchtimes. Children without hats will be directed to remain under structures with a solid roof
- Students will be encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day
- Daily Fitness activities will be reduced to no more than 10 minutes
- Physical education lessons will, where possible, occur in shaded areas and / or the undercover area. Regular rest and drink breaks will be incorporated into the lessons
- School-based sport will be adjusted to earlier in the day to maximise the cooler part of the day

These guidelines will be reviewed and updated as required

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