

MOAMA ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL



EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES

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STATEMENT OF CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

This policy aims to ensure that all students attending Moama Anglican Grammar School are protected from the health risks associated with various weather events or when circumstances make normal operations within the school problematic.

PRINCIPLES:

EXTREME HEAT

Hot weather can expose students and staff to heat related health risks such as heat stroke and dehydration.

In all weather conditions students will be encouraged and supported to:

1. Play in shaded areas
2. Remain hydrated by accessing the drinking taps throughout the school day and by allowing students to have their personal water bottles with them in their classrooms

In the event of the temperature exceeding 36°C the following additional measures will be taken:

1. Modified activities will be scheduled across the school where appropriate
2. Primary School students will be supervised in air-conditioned classrooms during recess and lunch breaks if the temperature has already reached 36°C by the time of the break
3. Teachers will proactively seek to provide regular additional breaks for students to access their water bottles and drinking taps during the school day

Sport and physical activity are high-risk settings for heat illness and sunburn. When the temperature exceeds 36°C teachers may determine to teach inside or in an appropriately shaded area.

ELECTRICAL STORMS

Electrical storms pose a real threat to the safety of students and staff. In the event of an approaching electrical storm the Deputy Principal may invoke 'shelter in place' conditions across the whole school. The following strategies should be followed to minimise the risks to life associated with lightning strikes:

1. Avoid outdoor activities during thunder storms
2. If there is less than 30 seconds between lightning and thunder move indoors. While inside keep away from electrical appliances, wiring, telephones and plumbing. Stay inside until at least 30 minutes after the last thunder
3. Avoid dangerous locations and activities (e.g. elevated and open areas, tall isolated objects, water)
4. Keep away from trees during thunderstorms

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