



URSULA FRAYNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

REVIEWED: 2019

DATE FOR REVIEW: 2021

RATIONALE

Ursula Frayne Catholic College 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 College campuses.

POLICY & PROCEDURES

1. Hot Weather

It is the responsibility of all parents and students to ensure that the correct school uniform is worn to school each day. A daily check of uniform standards during Form, or in the classroom, will be conducted. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that the school uniform is worn correctly during school hours and whilst travelling home from school.

Ursula Frayne Catholic College does not close because of hot weather. All classrooms are air-conditioned. Students are encouraged to drink water and are always allowed to bring water bottles into classrooms.

When the temperature on any given day is 38 degrees or higher, student's activities at recess or lunch will be as follows:

- Balmoral Street Students will remain inside their classrooms supervised by one of the Year Level teachers.
- Balmoral Street Students must seek permission to go to the canteen from their duty teacher.
- Students are not permitted to take out sporting equipment.
- Duncan Street Students will be able to utilise the gymnasium to sit and relax.
- Duncan Street students will not be permitted to play outdoor sports.
- Duncan Street students will have access to air-conditioned rooms during break times.

2. Wet Weather

Wet weather will be called by one of the Heads of School. When wet weather is announced all normal yard activities are suspended.

- Balmoral Street Students are required to remain in classrooms.
- Students are not permitted to take out sporting equipment.
- Duncan Street Campus Students are to remain on verandahs and in undercover areas. Duncan Street Students will be able to utilise the gymnasium to sit and eat their recess/lunch.

3. Electrical Storm/Lightning

If thunder occurs within 30 seconds of lightning, then the storm is within 10 kms of the College. Lightning safety experts consider this a strike danger and advise people to follow the 30/30 rule. This requires people to follow precautions of when thunder is heard within 30 seconds of a lightning flash and wait for 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard to resume activity. If it is not possible to find shelter inside, find the safest accessible location and stay there with students until the storm has passed.

General Precautions:

- Stay away from metal poles and fences.
- If involved in water activities, leave the water immediately.

If shelter is nearby:

- Seek shelter in a hard-top vehicle or solid building. Avoid small structures or tents.
- Keep clear of windows.

If shelter is not available: (e.g. at a Cross Country Event)

- Students are to squat or crouch with knees drawn up and feet together, preferably on dry insulating material (e.g. foam mat)
- Keep hands off the ground.
- Spread group members out – about 10 metres apart, but within calling distance.
- **Never** shelter under trees.

4. Sport/Interschool Competitions

On days of severe weather, the discretion of Sport/Physical Education Teachers and the relevant Head of School is required in making decisions regarding activities outdoors.

Interschool activities will be cancelled as necessitated in consultation with the host school.

5. Sun Protection Policy

All students in Years K-6 are required to wear an approved hat when outside, regardless of weather. Students in Years 7-12 are required to wear an approved hat when participating in outdoor activities.

The use of 15+ Sunscreen is encouraged.

Parental Support:

Parents can assist in extreme weather conditions by:

- Sending their children to school with a water bottle.
- Packing a hat in your child's school bag.
- Applying sunscreen.

BALMORAL CAMPUS (YRS K – 6)
66 BALMORAL ST
EAST VICTORIA PARK WA 6101
P: +61 8 9470 0400

DUNCAN CAMPUS (YRS 7 – 12)
15 DUNCAN STREET
VICTORIA PARK WA 6100
P: +61 8 9470 0900

E: admin@ufcc.wa.edu.au

W: www.ufcc.wa.edu.au

CRICOS Provider Code: 00765K | ABN: 99 024 601 686