



URSULA FRAYNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

(Student Safety and Wellbeing Executive Directive)

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RATIONALE

Ursula Frayne Catholic College aims to provide a safe environment for students, staff, families and visitors. At times, weather conditions can impact on this and place people on our College grounds in unsafe situations. The Inclement Weather Procedures provides guidelines which will maximise the safety of every person on our College campuses.

GUIDELINES

1. 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 SPF30 or higher 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 before school.

2. 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 Homeroom, or in the classroom, will be conducted. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that the College uniform is worn correctly during school hours and whilst travelling to and from home.

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 and/or lunch will be as follows:

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

3. Wet Weather

Wet weather will be called by a Head of School. When wet weather is announced all normal yard activities are suspended.

- Balmoral Street Campus 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 Campus students will be able to utilise the gymnasium to sit and eat their recess/lunch.

4. 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 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.

5. 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 outdoor activities.

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

Reference: CEWA Education Student Safety and Wellbeing

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