

Peg's Creek Primary School Extreme Weather Policy



Rationale

It is acknowledged that Karratha is frequently exposed to very hot conditions and occasional cyclonic conditions, and that the majority of Peg's Creek Primary school community members are acclimatised, resilient and tolerant of these conditions.

All community members are encouraged to increase fluid intake on hot days and stay dry on wet days, taking a common-sense approach to maintaining their own health and wellbeing. To ensure the health and safety of all children and staff when the weather conditions are extreme.

To provide alternative activities for children when weather conditions are extreme.

Policy

This decision to enact this policy will be made by the principal or delegate and be guided by the forecast and current weather conditions including temperature, humidity and rainfall. On the declaration of extreme weather policy, supervision at break times will be provided indoors.

Guidelines for activation of extreme weather policy:

Forecast and current temperature

Forecast and current persistent and substantial rainfall

- Outside lessons, such as Physical Education, are to be undertaken in the mornings or in shade areas or modified for inside the classes. As outlined in SunSmart Policy.
- In Terms One and Four during Phys-ed sessions, teachers will utilise shaded areas and provide less active and passive playground games.
- Children will be encouraged to drink more water. As outlined in Crunch 'n' Sip student drink bottles filled with water will be kept in classrooms.
- Play will be encouraged in shaded areas of the playground.
- No outside of classroom play session. Teachers to supervise the children in their classrooms as they eat lunch. This can be done in conjunction with neighbouring classes thereby requiring one teacher for every two classes. (Wet)
- The Library and Undercover Area will be open for children to use after eating lunch. Duty teachers and/ or Admin will supervise the children. The normal roster will be followed.
- An additional room may be opened for use at the discretion of Admin dependent on availability of staff.
- Classroom teachers will monitor their students and the weather and provide opportunity for outdoor activity as appropriate
- A message explaining action to be taken will be broadcast over the P.A. System immediately prior to the recess or lunch break.
- Teachers to ensure that their education assistants receive allocated breaks.