

EXTREME WEATHER GUIDELINES



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Winterfold PS Rationale

Inclement weather has the potential to be a safety risk for both staff and students. At Winterfold Primary School we are responsive to weather conditions and make decisions based on the wellbeing and safety of both staff and students. In the event of extreme weather, we will enact the following procedures.

Extreme weather includes but is not limited to:

- thunder and lightning
- rain
- hail
- storms
- gale force winds
- extreme heat

School Process:

Administration makes the call for Extreme Weather.

Prior to break time

A PA announcement will be made to all classes.

All duty for the imminent break will be collapsed

Specialist teachers will be assigned to the following blocks

- Music/Art - Blue Block
- Physical Education/ Health – Red Block
- LOTE – Yellow Block

Education Assistants to remain in the teaching block and have their break after the regular scheduled break time finishes.

Students will remain in their teaching block to eat their recess/ lunch and engage in quiet activities. Students can move between classes depending on the activities available in each.

Adjoining doors should be opened to allow supervision.

The canteen will remain accessible. Releasing small groups at a time for the management of traffic.

Teachers will collaborate to release each other for a short break. If a relief teacher is in the teaching block they will be included in the collaborative release.

Quiet activities could include:

- drawing	- reading	- games
- puzzles	- manipulatives	- movies (G)
- colour ins	- iPad	- lap top research

During break time

The siren will sound directing students back to class.

Teachers will return quickly to their class or assigned teaching block and follow the *Prior to break time* process.

*Calling Extreme Weather is made with great consideration and although we aim to anticipate weather fronts we are at the mercy of often unpredictable weather, so patience and understanding is appreciated.

It is at a teacher's discretion to take a whole class out during teaching time for a movement break.