

WILLUNGA HIGH SCHOOL

Inclement Weather Policy



WET WEATHER

Two bells rung before or during recess or lunch indicates “Wet Weather Procedures” This means:

- MS Year Level Coordinators & Managers & Roaming Support will open the atriums to allow student access and provide support.
- Teachers on **Oval North & Oval South/MS** duty should report to the Year 9 Atrium for support after ensuring students on the oval and courts are out of the rain and seeking shelter
- The teacher for **MS and Roaming Support** duty should move to the Year 8 Atrium to provide support.
- The teacher on **Quad West** yard duty should ensure that no students are in that area and report to the Learning Hub for support.
- The teachers on duty should determine when the Learning Hub is full and lock the door accordingly. Please inform Roaming Support if there are any issues.

Reminder: The teachers on Gym, Quad East, Canteen and Art remain in their areas and supervise students who are accessing shelter.

“In extreme weather conditions please support your colleagues where possible.”

HOT WEATHER

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Much of the damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. Research suggests that severe sunburn is a contributor to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as wrinkles, sunspots, blemishes and premature ageing. Most skin damage and skin cancer is therefore, preventable.

If the temperature is 36°C or above the **Year Level Coordinators & Managers & Roaming Support** will open the atriums for Middle School students and the Senior Study Space for Senior School students. The **Oval North/Courts** teacher is to provide support to a MS Atrium after ensuring no students are on the tennis courts.

All teachers on Yard Duty should encourage students to access shade, the Learning Hub or Atriums (MS students only).

Strategies for skin protection:

- During term 1 and 4 students and staff are encouraged to wear wide brimmed hats which protect the face, neck and ears and apply sunscreen whenever they are outside, eg sporting events, outdoor excursions, activities at recess and lunch, staff on yard duty.
- Staff and children will be encouraged to wear clothing during Term 1 and 4 that offers good skin protection.
- Staff will encourage students to seek shaded areas during Terms 1 and 4.
- Staff are encouraged to inform students about “sunsmart” behaviour during homegroups on a regular basis during Term 1 and 4.
- Parents and Visitors are to be encouraged to wear hats while on school activities.

Strategies during Hot Weather:

- If the 7.30pm ABC news forecast is 39°C or above at Noarlunga, parents have the right to keep students at home the following day.
- Upon their return to school, students will need to present a note from home indicating absence due to hot weather.
- Students that come to school will be informed that it is a hot weather day and will have negotiated curriculum (e.g. PE lessons will be inside)
- If the temperature is 36°C or above, an automatic SEQTA bulletin notice will recommend to all students that:
 1. they seek shaded areas.
 2. active sports cease.
 3. students drink plenty of water and can bring it to class.