

Elliston Area School



Inclement Weather Policy 2019

On days when inclement conditions prevent students from playing outside an "inclement weather" strategy will apply. Inclement weather is the existence of abnormal climatic conditions including but not limited to the following or any combination thereof: extreme high temperatures, exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UV), rain, hail, high winds, severe dust or electrical storm, high humidity, snow.

1. A double siren will sound at the commencement of recess or lunch (or when such conditions commence) to indicate that the Inclement Weather policy is to be applied.
2. The teacher on yard duty or front office staff will determine the need for Inclement Weather procedures.
3. R-5 students go to the Library; Secondary students go to the Art Room, if the Inclement Weather siren is sounded. Yard duty teachers and class teachers will share supervision of students.
4. No students are to be outside playing.
5. If the weather clears a double siren will sound to indicate that students are able to resume play outside. The relevant yard duty staff member or front office staff makes this decision.
6. At the conclusion of the inclement weather period, yard duty recommences immediately.
7. All planned outdoor learning activities including PE and sport will be relocated indoors or rescheduled.

Hot Weather Policy

The school is air conditioned and teachers are instructed to adjust their program to suit the weather conditions. In most instances students will be quite comfortable at school and are expected to attend on days where high temperatures are forecast.

The following conditions will impact on learning programmes -

- When a total fire ban is forecast - severe or extreme, then all planned activities that involve travel away from the school such as excursions, camps and teacher professional development will be cancelled as per DECD directions.
- When a **Catastrophic day** is forecast, Elliston Area School is a high risk 2 site and will be closed. This decision will be made by DECD and CFS before 3pm on the preceding day so as to inform our school community of the impending closure.
- On days where high winds are forecast, then a hazard risk assessment will be made by the Principal or delegate about the outdoor playing conditions and the tuart trees. The Inclement Weather policy may be implemented.