



Hot Weather Policy

Port Wakefield Primary School

Port Wakefield Primary School affirms its commitment to child safety by offering safe alternatives to outside play in hot weather and by encouraging SunSmart behaviours

Action

Broad brimmed and bucket hats will be worn all year around.

Sunscreen is provided in classrooms for student and staff use.

When the forecasted temperature for Elizabeth, SA is 37°C or higher the following will occur:

- Children will be supervised inside at lunch time and recess times
- Outdoor education activities will be cancelled

For outside sporting activities, including school sports and vigorous Phys. Ed. Lessons, the temperature limit is reduced to 35°C.

When the temperature is 35°C and under 37°C, students will be instructed to play in the shade and to avoid vigorous play.

Management

The following structures will be followed:

- Hot Weather Policy will be communicated to staff from the office.
- The decision to enact Hot Weather Policy will be made by Leadership or a nominated person.
- Data will be accessed from the Bureau of Meteorology website, which offer an online service updated every ten minutes. This will occur daily at 10.30am and 12.30pm.
- On "Hot Weather" days, teachers will share supervision of students inside at playtimes. This will be supported by support staff.
- This policy document and the rosters should be retained in class folders for easy reference.

Please also note:

- In the case of hot weather that does not meet the criteria, children will be encouraged to seek safe and shaded play options.
- Students without hats will site in designated shade areas at playtimes.
- Adults will model SunSmart behaviour by wearing hats or carrying an umbrella when outdoors.
- School hats are part of School Dress Code and therefore should be maintained in good order.