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## **Extreme and/or Severe Weather Policy**

**Rationale:** Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. The duty of care includes protection against inclement/extreme/severe weather during times when students would normally be outside.

**Principles:** To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement/extreme/severe weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

### **Procedures:**

- Students will be reminded of the environmental factors they need to be made aware of and how they can manage their own well-being;
- Items, such cold water, fluid intake, wearing a hat and physical exertion will be consistently brought to their attention;
- Reference will only be made to the Bureau of Meteorology's official data for clarity and decisions.

### **Severe/Extreme Hot Weather:**

- Severe/Extreme hot weather would consist of extremely high temperatures during summer. During this extreme weather condition, the students at Our Lady's Assumption School (OLA) will follow the Severe/Extreme Weather Procedure during recess and lunch;
- Whilst not set, temperatures at 38 and above degrees will act as an indication. Humidity will also be taken into consideration when making a decision;





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- A decision will be made, by a member of the Leadership Team (or senior teacher if the Leadership Team members are absent), at 10.15am and 12.15pm if the Severe/Extreme procedure is to be called;
- If the Severe/Extreme procedure is called, students will remain the classrooms and will be supervised by a staff member. The students will be given the opportunity to go to the toilet and get a drink;
- A decision will be made, by the Physical Education teacher, during Physical Education lessons, if outdoor lessons will be moved to the Sr Goretti Hall.

**Severe/Extreme Cold/Wet Weather:**

- Severe/Extreme Cold/Wet Weather would consist of heavy rain accompanied by strong, gusty wind, lightning, thunder and/or hailstones;
- During this extreme weather condition, the students at Our Lady's Assumption School (OLA) will follow the Severe/Extreme Weather Procedure during recess and lunch;
- A decision will be made, by a member of the Leadership Team (or senior teacher if the Leadership Team members are absent), at 10.15am and 12.15pm if the Severe/Extreme procedure is to be called;
- If the Severe/Extreme procedure is called, students will remain the classrooms and will be supervised by a staff member. The students will be given the opportunity to go to the toilet and get a drink;
- A decision will be made, by the Physical Education teacher, during Physical Education lessons, if outdoor lessons will be moved to the Sr Goretti Hall.

