



# McDonald Park School

## INCLEMENT/INCLUDING DISASTER PLAN

### HOT WEATHER POLICY

As all areas in the school are air-conditioned, the school will remain open on days of extreme heat and lessons will continue as usual, with appropriate modifications such as reduced outdoor activities.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCESS

If weather is inclement prior to a scheduled break, admin staff may signal the inclement weather bell. Inclement weather may be due to rain or heat (above 36 degrees). Teams of teachers will develop support structures so that all students are supervised at all times and teachers have a short break. NIT teachers will be included in this plan.

Asphalt teacher makes the decision and rings the bell to signal inclement weather and also the resumption of outside play. Students return to class and are supervised by teachers.

NB If weather improves after the halfway mark students will remain in class rather than return to the yard.

The bell to signal inclement weather is three successive bells.

#### DISASTER PLAN

In this event of a local disaster (bushfire etc) our school will take the following ACTION:

On days of EXTREME FIRE DANGER a risk assessment will be carried out for all planned school excursions.

- For disasters close to or within the school, all children will be evacuated to a 'safe place' and teachers will remain in charge of their classes until the school has been cleared of danger or until the parent collects the child.
- For bushfires in the vicinity of a child's home, children will be supervised at school until the danger is past. Buses will not run if their route is in the vicinity of a disaster. Attempts will be made to advise all parents of children's whereabouts. This will be done via a phone call or the local radio.
- In any 'disaster situation' the school will aim to keep the ABC radio station informed. Parents are advised to listen to reports on the local radio stations as telephone lines may be out of action.
- Our school holds practices in fire drill and disaster procedures at least once per term to familiarise staff and students with the steps to be taken in the event of an actual disaster.