

Salisbury High School

Inclement Weather Policy

Please note this policy is mandatory and staff are required to adhere to the content

Summary

Inclement Weather :- The existence of abnormal climatic conditions, including but not limited to - rain, hail, snow, high wind, severe dust or electrical storm, high humidity, extreme high and low temperature or any combination thereof. Exposure to UVA and UVB is also included in this definition.

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Table 2 - Revision record

Date	Version	Revision description
11/9/18	1	Policy combines current Inclement Weather and Hot Weather policies. Change to temp from 38° to 36° Inclusion of 40° option. Inclusion of nominated break areas for days of hot weather. Removal of Early dismissal option.
11/2/2020	2	Inclusion of 'staff' and clarification of time frame to include 'rest of the day' as part of the process of Extreme Weather

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INTRODUCTION

From time to time Salisbury North is subject to weather conditions that place at risk the safety and welfare of our staff and students.

These conditions may be a result of the existence of abnormal climatic conditions, including but not limited to:

1. Rain,
2. Hail,
3. High wind,
4. Severe dust or electrical storm,
5. High humidity,
6. Extreme high and low temperature or any combination thereof.
7. Exposure to UVA and UVB is also included in this definition.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Principal, in liaison with another member of the leadership team and Front Office Staff will be responsible for interpreting weather conditions and ringing the siren.

If there are any signs of these abnormal climatic conditions in class time staff and students are to remain in classrooms, all outdoor activities are to be stopped and anyone outside is to seek refuge of an indoor area. This includes all volunteers and contractors.

1. **WET WEATHER**

Should rain persist during recess and lunchtime 6 siren blasts will sound.

All students must seek refuge from the rain, in a supervised area eg – Library, Gym, Front Foyer, Canteen Veranda or Middle School undercover area.

Yard Duty staff will support moving students to these areas and supervise them until the break is over.

The all clear will be indicated by 4 siren blasts.

2. **STRONG GALES/STORMS**

The above procedure will be applied for conditions of strong gales.

3. **EXTREME HEAT**

When the temperature reaches 36° on the Bureau of Meteorology – Edinburgh Observation website <http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/observations/saall.shtml?ref=hdr> 6 sirens will blast to advise staff and students to remain or go indoors for the rest of the day. Students will utilize the following allocated areas during recess and lunch.

Yr 8/9 – Gym, Yr 10/11 – Resource Centre, Yr 12 – Senior Central, SWD students - SWD

As an air-conditioned school the presentation of the curriculum will continue unless an emergency is declared. However on the 3rd consecutive school day of temperatures reaching 36° or above families can opt to keep students in years 8-10 home for the day. Year 11 & 12 students are expected to attend each day.

On days when the expected temperature is forecast to be 40° or over families can opt to keep students home for the day.

To ensure the safety of students traveling to and from school, there is no early dismissal.

Salisbury High school uses the DECD Procedures for Inclement Weather in collaboration with this local policy for use by our school only. Please see in attachment below for DECD Procedure link:-

(https://searchadmin.learnlink.sa.edu.au/s/redirect?rank=1&collection=DECD-Intranet&url=https%3A%2F%2Fmyintranet.learnlink.sa.edu.au%2Flibrary%2Fdocument-library%2Fprocedure%2Fhr%2Fhealth-and-safety%2Fhazards%2Finclement-weather-procedure.pdf&index_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmyintranet.learnlink.sa.edu.au%2Flibrary%2Fdocument-library%2Fprocedure%2Fhr%2Fhealth-and-safety%2Fhazards%2Finclement-weather-procedure.pdf&auth=kcRobybWqaEZWqHMoCWfsg&query=inclement+weather+procedure&profile= default)

SPORTS DAY or any activity scheduled to be run out doors

To ensure the safety of staff and students and to allow for appropriate planning and or rescheduling of events, outdoor activities will be postponed the day before the event after consultation with Sports Medicine Website and checklist (<http://www.sasma.com.au/Resources/HotWeather.aspx>) and or the channel 2 (ABC) news at 7pm 2 nights before forecasts a temperature of 36° or above on the day or the activity.