

# Extreme Weather Policy



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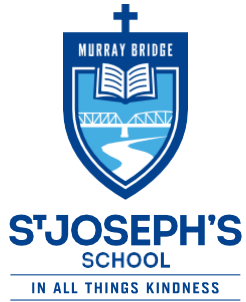
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# Policy

## Inclement / Extreme Weather Policy

### *Acknowledgement of Country*

*We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Ngarrindjeri people. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relations with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Ngarrindjeri people living today.*

### Purpose

St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge, has a duty of care that includes protecting students against inclement and extreme weather conditions during learning experiences and activities both inside and outside of school.

### Policy

St Joseph's School is committed to:

- Ensuring the well-being of all students, staff, volunteers and visitors during inclement and extreme weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater to all circumstances.
- Provide guidelines to accommodate extreme weather conditions.
- All classrooms are air-conditioned, so students are generally not dismissed early on hot or cold days.
- This policy should be read in conjunction with our Sun Protection Policy. Using sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and shade are integral factors in our hot weather strategy.
- As a metropolitan school, the threat of bushfires is highly remote. If a student's home is under threat from a bushfire whilst they are attending a school day, the student is able to stay at the school until a family member or approved family friend is able to collect them that day.

- In extreme weather, incursions, excursions, camps, and physical activities, including Physical Education lessons and sports, are modified or cancelled to protect students from exposure to the elements, undue physical stress, and hazards.

## Definitions

**Inclement Weather:** weather conditions considered too cold, wet, hot, windy or stormy.

**Extreme Weather:** weather occurrences of unusually severe weather or climate conditions that can cause devastating impacts on a school community. Weather-related extreme events are often short-lived and include heat waves, freezes, heavy downpours, tornadoes, tropical cyclones and floods. The weather is deemed unsafe.

**Duty of Care** may be defined as 'an obligation, recognised by law, to avoid conduct fraught with the unreasonable risk of dangers to others.'

**Staff** employees of St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge.

**Volunteer/s:** A person who provides their services to the school free of charge, has a current, valid police clearance and has completed the school's volunteer induction requirements.

## Supporting Procedures or Policy Support Documents

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with and is additional to, any other relevant SACCS policy, procedure, guideline, or support document, including the following:

All Staff are required to comply with the provisions of any such documents, including the following:

- Duty of Care Policy
- Duty of Care Procedure
- First Aid Procedure
- Camps, Excursions, Sporting and Adventure Activities Procedure
- Accident/Incident Reporting
- CSH&WSA Work Health & Safety and Injury Management Policy
- CSH&WSA First Aid Procedure 11
- Department for Education Health support planning (for students)
- Department for Education Medication management in education and care services
  
- St Joseph's School Sun Protection Policy and Procedures
- St Joseph's School Emergency and Critical Incident Policy and Procedures
- St Joseph's School Camps, Excursions, Sporting and Adventure and Incursion Activities Guidelines
- St Joseph's School First Aid and Medication Policy and Procedures

## Suggested Resources

SunSmart Program - <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/about-sunsmart/sunsmart-program>

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We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the custodians of the Ngarrindjeri land, and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Ngarrindjeri