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# Inclement Weather Policy and Procedure

## Revised Schedule

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# Inclement Weather Policy and Procedure

## Rationale:

Children's safety is of the utmost importance. Our procedures will ensure that all community members are aware of correct protocols for managing extreme weather conditions during the school day. This policy will provide guidelines that ensure a safe and comfortable school environment is maintained during times of extreme weather. Extreme weather includes extreme heat, lightning, thunder, dangerous storms including hail, fog/smog, pollen or air pollution and intense wind.

**Aim:** To ensure students, staff and visitors at Sydney Japanese International School are safe and comfortable during times of inclement weather.

In the event of extreme weather, School management team will:

- Share Extreme Weather alerts with all staff and, where relevant, the school community.
- Consider the severity of impending weather conditions and determine the appropriate school response and action
- Work with staff to make appropriate decisions in regards to the type of, and location of activities, on days of extreme weather or impending extreme weather.

| Circumstance                                 | Action   |
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| Extreme heat - School management will decide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● All students will be directed to use shady outdoor facilities, such as kindy play equipment, new playground, balcony on the ground floor and under the trees next to the oval.</li><li>● The air-conditioned library is open and supervised Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at recesses for all students to access.</li><li>● We have a school policy for playground or other outdoor activities, " No hat, no play, sit in the shade or play in the undercover area. ".</li><li>● School cap to be worn (HS – wear own hat or cap)</li><li>● All students will be reminded and encouraged to drink water. Drink bottles are permitted in the classroom.</li></ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will postpone sporting or physical education activities that might expose students unnecessarily to extreme heat.</li> <li>● If there are severe weather conditions, students will stay in supervised air-conditioned classes as per wet weather protocols.</li> </ul> |
| Rain/Hail                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers and students listen to announcements over the loudspeaker to return to class with their teacher immediately.</li> <li>● Wet Weather protocols in place</li> </ul>  |
| Thunder/Lightning/electrical storm      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers and students listen to announcements over the loudspeaker to return to class with their teacher immediately.</li> <li>● Wet Weather protocols in place</li> </ul>  |
| Extreme wind                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers and students listen to announcements over the loudspeaker to return to class with their teacher immediately.</li> <li>● Wet Weather protocols in place</li> </ul>  |
| Extreme smog, fog, smoke, air pollution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers and students listen to announcements over the loudspeaker to return to class with their teacher immediately.</li> <li>● Wet Weather protocols in place</li> </ul>  |

School sport and excursions in significant wet weather conditions, the appropriateness of any planned excursions or sporting events will be reviewed.

## Other Weather Conditions

The school may elect to implement restrictions where local conditions are severe and pose an increased risk for student participation. A decision will be made by leadership, in collaboration with key staff, to discern the impact of potential weather conditions on the safety of students. At all times, the expertise of the Bureau of Meteorology will be acknowledged and utilised to ensure the safest decision can be made to maximise student and staff safety.