



# DURACK SCHOOL

## WET WEATHER POLICY

During the wet season we are subject to severe storms which can be hazardous. To ensure the safety of the students during wet weather, the following procedures will be operational.

### RECESS AND LUNCH TIME

A wet weather day will be declared when:

- It appears a severe storm is imminent
- There is steady rain and children would be unable to stay dry outside

An announcement will be made over the PA and students are to remain in their classrooms and play games, watch DVDs, draw etc.

Teachers 'buddy up' to supervise each other's classes so that they can get a drink/food/toilet break. NCT teachers will assist in each block as rostered at the beginning of each year. Students should not operate any electrical items during and electrical storm eg computers.

Students are permitted to go to the toilets but they are discouraged from getting wet. Those students who have wet clothing will be sent to the office and a parent will be contacted to bring dry clothes.

### BEFORE SCHOOL

The library will be opened for children to seek shelter and/or teachers will be asked to open rooms before the first bell.

### AFTER SCHOOL

If there is a severe or cyclonic storm, students will remain in their classrooms until collected by their parents.

If there is heavy rain, and or thunder and lightning, students who get picked up at the front of the school will wait in the shelter of the verandahs until their parent arrives at the drop off zone. Two staff members will be on duty at the front of the school to supervise and ensure the safety of the students going to the cars.

Bus students are to wait on the verandah until the bus is near the crosswalk, then they will be escorted to the bus stop by a teacher.

Students who are riding or walking will remain at school until it is considered safe for them to leave ie: the rain has lessened and there is no thunder and lightning. The office will notify parents if the storm is ongoing.

Bikes can be left at school and locked in the school bike racks.

**NB: Phones are not to be used during electrical storms**

## **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS**

This policy will be communicated to parents through the school newsletter at the beginning of Terms 1 and 4 (Wet Season).

This policy to be reviewed every 2 years.

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