



## Norton Summit Primary School

### *Inclement Weather Policy*



Students thrive when they have access to regular break times and physical movement, fresh air and social interaction with peers. Students are provided with breaks during some lesson times and recess and lunch breaks, however in the case of inclement weather the following procedures will be implemented:

#### **Hot Weather**

- ⇒ On days when the forecast maximum is greater than 35 degrees (and reaches this temperature before playtimes) children will remain indoors. Teachers will share the supervision of students whilst they are inside (*classes combined: R/1 and 2/3/4, 5/6 teacher will be released by the principal/NIT teacher for a break*)
- ⇒ Outside activities will only be conducted early in the day (prior to the temperature reaching 35 degrees)
- ⇒ Students will have access to the gym for some movement breaks at the discretion of classroom teachers or a staff member being available to supervise lunch and recess breaks in the gym.

#### **Wet Weather**

- ⇒ On days that are raining, children will remain indoors. Teachers will share the supervision of students whilst they are inside.
- ⇒ The principal or nominated staff member will monitor the weather and make the decision regarding the wet weather bell. The wet weather bell is ONE long bell to indicate students needing to come inside if it's raining and ONE long bell if the rain stops and staff deem it safe for students to go outside.
- ⇒ Students are not to play in wet areas (ie puddles and mud) on wet weather days and in the event they do so, will be expected to change their clothing according to what is available in the second hand uniform cupboard. This clothing can then be washed and returned at the earliest convenience.

#### **Extreme Weather**

- ⇒ Please see the **Norton Summit Bushfire Readiness Policy** for bushfire processes.
- ⇒ On days of extreme weather (ie high wind, lightning or smoke) children will be inside at the discretion of the principal or nominated staff member.
- ⇒ In the event of excursions or incursions, response will be determined by the principal or nominated staff member with the wellbeing of students and staff to be the deciding factor. Responses in these situations will be communicated at the earliest possible time to families.

***This policy was ratified by Governing Council on:***