



RIVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Extreme Weather Guidelines

Rationale

At Riverton Primary School and within the education department, there is a preference for our students to have maximum time to play outside for recess and lunch breaks; and also to ensure students have ample opportunities to participate in sports days, swimming carnivals and other outdoor learning events. We know our climate is changing and more extreme weather events now occur more often.

There are times when in order to avoid school events take place during extreme weather times or dates need to be changed. In this case decisions are to be made earlier rather than later. These decisions will be made in consultation with the Principal, Governing Council Chairperson and members of staff who have organised the event. When a decision is made to change the time, structure or date of events, communication with families, staff and the community must be as soon as possible after the decision is made.

NOTE: Event times, dates, venues and activities remain subject to change according to weather conditions in order to ensure that relevant health and safety obligations are met for students, staff and visitors.

Aim

These guidelines are designed to be a guide for staff, students and parents to ensure:

- Proper planning processes for adjustments to dates and times of school events exist,
- Communication between the school, staff, students, parents, carers, family members and the community is timely and transparent,
- Student participation in outdoor learning and play is maximised even when extreme weather conditions exist.

Making Decisions related to this Guideline:

If an event is to be held on a Friday the decision to change times or the date is to be made by 4pm on the Monday of the same week. If an event is to be held on a Wednesday or Thursday the decision to change times or the date is to be made by 4pm on the Friday of the previous week.

If an event is to be held on a Monday or Tuesday the decision to change times or the date is to be made by 4pm on the Wednesday of the previous week.

The official Bureau of Meteorology website from the 4pm broadcast (not an app) is to be used as the information source for temperature and weather conditions. For example:

- If the predicted temperature for a swimming carnival that is to be held at the Riverton swimming pool is 36 to 38 degrees it is recommended that the start and finish times are brought forward to miss the heat of the day. If the temp is above 38 or more the day will be rescheduled.

Backup event dates are to be 3 calendar days after the original event date, unless the backup date is publicised with original date and ample notice. Eg if an event is planned for a Wednesday the backup day must be the following Monday or later. Events will only be rescheduled once unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Decision to reschedule is to be made in consultation with Principal, Governing Council Chair and Event Organiser.

Definition of Extreme Weather

At Riverton Primary School this is defined as weather that is too hot, windy or wet for normal planned events to take place.

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