

POLICY: EXTREME HEAT

1. PURPOSE

To ensure the comfort and well being of every student and staff member during days of extreme heat. For the purpose of this policy, extreme heat would be a temperature in excess of 35 degrees.

2. AIMS

- To minimise the effects of heat and dehydration on staff and students.
- To prevent heat related illness.
- To provide an appropriate program in consideration of the conditions.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- Junior students who are in classrooms with no air conditioning should be moved to an air conditioned area within the school.
- Physical Education and classroom programs should be modified to minimise physical exertion.
- All students will be encouraged to have bottles of water available and to rehydrate at regular intervals. Integration or students with special needs should be monitored to ensure that they remain hydrated.
- Teachers should remind students to remove excess clothing.
- During recess and lunch time children will be encouraged to limit physical activity and will be advised to play in shaded areas. On days of extreme heat, at the Principal's discretion students may be excluded from outdoor play and a Hot Weather Timetable will be implemented in classrooms.
- Parents will be reminded through the School Newsletter of the safe storage of food in lunch boxes during hot weather.
- Normal First-Aid procedures will be undertaken for students suffering from heat stress or heat related illnesses. Parents will be contacted and encouraged to collect their child from school.

4. EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as necessary.