



St Anne's Primary School

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St Anne's School – Wet Weather Procedure

1. RATIONALE

The Wet Weather Procedure ensures a high level of duty of care for all students during periods of inclement weather. It also considers the need for staff to receive appropriate break periods on wet days.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 The Wet Weather Procedure will be implemented when it is raining or when recent significant wet weather has affected playground conditions.

2.2 The procedure may also be enacted in anticipation of rain when it is evident that students will be unable to use outdoor spaces during recess or lunch.

- **Mild Wet Weather:** Light rain or a flooded oval requiring students to remain in designated sheltered areas:
 - Years 1–3: Undercover Area
 - Years 4–6: Verandah
 - No ball games permitted.
- **Wet Weather:** Heavy rain and/or thunderstorms present or forecasted.
 - Students remain in classrooms for recess and/or lunch breaks.

3. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all students and staff at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Harvey.

4. PRINCIPLES

A duty of care must be exercised at all times within the school. In Catholic schools, this duty extends to the pastoral care of students, a responsibility shared by all members of the school community.

5. PROCEDURES

5.1 Mild Wet Weather

5.1.1 Mild Wet Weather will be declared by a member of the school leadership team. In their absence, a designated delegate will make the decision.

5.1.2 Supervision will follow the standard duty roster:

- Years 1–3 remain in the Undercover Area.
- Years 4–6 remain on the Verandah.
- No ball games permitted.

5.1.3 If the rain ceases and the Basketball Courts are deemed safe by the supervising teacher, students may resume play.

5.2 Wet Weather – Prior to Lunchtime Dismissal

5.2.1 A member of the school leadership team will announce Wet Weather via email, phone, or personal message. If unavailable, a delegate will make the call.

5.2.2 When Wet Weather is announced, all regular playground duties are suspended. Classroom teachers will supervise their own students.

5.2.3 Teachers must remain with their class.

5.2.4 Staff may coordinate short breaks by arranging supervision with adjacent classrooms or specialist teachers. Suggested supervision arrangements:

- **Kindergarten & Pre-Primary**
- **Years 2 & 3**
- **Years 4 & 5**
- **Specialist Teachers provide breaks for Years 1 & 6.**

5.2.5 No equipment is permitted on the verandahs or in the Undercover Area during a Wet Weather declaration.

5.2.6 Education Assistants will be released for lunch/recess breaks as necessary.

5.3 Wet Weather Procedure – During Lunchtime

5.3.1 If rain is mild, students must leave the oval and assemble in the Undercover Area or on the Verandahs until it passes.

5.3.2 If the rain intensifies, students must return to their classrooms. Teachers will be informed, and Wet Weather Procedures will be enforced.

5.3.3 Once Wet Weather has been called, it remains in place for the entire break period. Full Wet Weather protocols apply.

5.3.4 If the rain clears and outdoor areas are deemed safe, teachers may supervise their own classes outside for a break.

5.4 Wet Weather Procedure – Before and After School

5.4.1 Before School:

- Students must assemble in the Undercover Area or on the Verandahs.
- Teachers are required to be in their classrooms from 8:15 AM.
- If severe weather is present, the leadership team may direct students to classrooms per Wet Weather guidelines.

5.4.2 After School:

- Duty staff will assist students in exiting safely, avoiding hazards such as puddles.
- Staff will provide necessary care, ensuring students are sheltered while waiting for parents.

6. REVIEW HISTORY

- 2004, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2020, 2025

7. NEXT REVIEW

- **Scheduled for:** 2028
- **Subcommittee Responsible:** School Staff