

Rivergums Primary School
Extreme Weather Policy



At Rivergums Primary School, Extreme Weather is defined as one or more of the following

1. Severe Wet Weather – thunder/lightning, storm, heavy rain
2. Extreme Hot Weather – Temperature is at or above 37 Degrees Celsius and relative humidity is over 30%

The end decision pertaining to the cancellation or postponement of physical lessons, events or carnivals will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Do we remain open during Extreme Weather?

Yes. The Government of Western Australia invested heavily in our infrastructure to ensure that all enclosed areas at Rivergums Primary School are fully air conditioned and protected against Severe Wet Weather and Extreme Hot Weather.

Severe Wet Weather Policy

In the event of severe wet weather, a decision to implement the severe wet weather policy will be made by administration prior to the break and communicated over the PA System.

Students are to be supervised in the following manner:

1. Students will remain in their classroom.
2. Classroom teachers supervise in classroom. Teachers will be released for quick breaks by specialist teachers and administration.
3. Should the weather clear during this time then administration will determine if the students can be released. If this is the case, then the normal duty roster will apply.
4. The siren will be sounded to recall students to their classroom if the rain intensifies. Classroom teachers are to return to class promptly to supervise their students.
5. Classroom teachers are to notify administration if they have not been provided with a break.

Extreme Hot Weather Policy

In the event of extreme hot weather, the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Outside Physical Education lessons, events or carnivals will be postponed and/or modified to suit the conditions. Physical Education teachers will conduct modified lessons .
2. All lunchboxes (and school bags where appropriate) to be taken into the classroom at the start of the day if “Extreme Weather” is predicted.
3. When “Extreme Weather” has been called, procedures will stay in place for the duration of the break.
4. Students will eat their lunches in their normal designated eating areas.
5. The oval will be closed for play and students will be advised to remain in shaded areas.