

SCHOOL NO. 4401 KATANDRA WEST

Policy Statement: MANAGEMENT - 761 Hot / Wet Days

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Responsibility: Principal, Staff and School Council

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in 2015.

1. PURPOSE:

To provide for the well being of children on days of extreme heat or wet and very cold weather conditions.

2. GUIDELINES:

- 2.1. Irrespective of weather conditions the children should remain at school during accepted school hours.
- 2.2. The normal daily program may need to be amended according to the temperature.
- 2.3. Children should be encouraged to participate in quiet activities and maintain fluid levels on days of extreme heat.
- 2.4. Rooms should be as much as possible adapted to enable a workable atmosphere e.g. blinds, shades, air-conditioning, open windows.
- 2.5. The school will provide facilities for children to remain dry on wet school days and to allow children to enter classrooms on days of extreme heat. Extreme heat as determined by principal descretion.
- 2.6. The teacher in charge will decide and announce to all when conditions are too wet or too hot for children to remain outside. The teacher in charge will also announce cessation of hot day or wet day timetable when appropriate.
- 2.7. Children will be directed to their classrooms in wet or hot weather.
- 2.8. Supervision will be maintained during wet or hot weather timetable by the teachers on duty.
- 2.9. Suitable resources will be provided so that children will have appropriate indoor activities during wet or hot weather timetable.
- 2.10 Children will be encouraged to use sunscreen when the conditions require it. Sunscreen is provided for each classroom as part of Parent Payment funding.
- 2.11 On a wet or hot day timetable the lunchtime break can be adjusted to 12.25 – 1.00 p.m. and afternoon break be adjusted to 2.00 – 2.30 p.m.
- 2.12 In special circumstances it may be necessary for the Principal, in consultation with School Council, to vary this Policy.