

# INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

## RATIONALE

Kingswood cultivates a teaching and learning environment that is flexible, caring and focused on what is best for the students. Schools have a duty of care to students and staff at all times, which includes protection from inclement weather when they would normally be outside.

## AIM

To implement a planned management process that will prevent exposure to inclement weather, such as extreme heat, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered to be unsuitable for outside play.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- An inclement weather process will be activated by a staff when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather process until further notice.
- In the case of inclement weather during a break, a yard duty teacher will inform the appropriate staff of the possible need to activate the inclement weather process.
- The appropriate staff will assess the situation and make the decision to call the children inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teachers will continue to supervise outside.

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

### Review

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May 2015	WELLBEING SUB COMMITTEE	May 2018
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