INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY -

Mission Statement

At Mary MacKillop Memorial School we, the parents, students and staff are committed to continuing the vision of our founders, Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods. We value and endeavour to provide an education of excellence and care in a family environment, being accessible to all while upholding the Catholic tradition based on the philosophy “In Omnibus Caritas” … In all things love and kindness.
HOT WEATHER POLICY
Mary MacKillop Memorial School is a member of the Sunsmart Schools program and is an accredited by the Anti Cancer Foundation of South Australia. The aim of the policy is to protect students and staff from dangerous overexposure to the sun. This policy is reflected through curriculum activities, the behaviour of students, staff and parents/caregivers and the environment around the Campus.

SCHOOL SUNSMART POLICY
This policy is for all students and staff at the Mary MacKillop Memorial School. This policy is to be implemented throughout the year.

As part of the general skin protection strategy, it is compulsory that:

1. All students at Mary MacKillop Memorial School will wear a broad rimmed school hat, when outside at school.
2. All students are encouraged to wear their school hat to and from school each day.
3. Students participating in any before or after school sport training while on the school grounds must wear a hat.
4. Students who do not wear a school hat during recess and lunch times will not be permitted to play and must remain seated in the designated shade area.
5. Students are expected to wear a hat during sport lessons.
6. Staff members will provide positive role modelling regarding sun protection and wear hats while on yard duty or during any outdoor activity.
7. Teachers will use shady areas and indoor venues whenever possible.

Our School will:
1. Ensure that school hats are appropriate and satisfy the Cancer Council guidelines.
2. Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events.
3. Provide more shelter and shady trees.
4. Encourage the use of SPF 30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and students. Students are asked to provide their own sunscreen lotion.
5. Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention in the curriculum.
6. Regularly reinforce the Sunsmart Policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings and classroom programs.
When enrolling a child at Mary MacKillop Memorial School, parents will be:

1. Informed of the Sunsmart Policy.
2. Informed that a school hat is to be purchased.
3. Encouraged to provide SPF 30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for their child’s use.
4. Encouraged to practise skin protective behaviours themselves.

HOT WEATHER POLICY DURING LUNCHTIME
Mary MacKillop Memorial School does not close because of hot weather. All classrooms are air conditioned.

When the temperature on any given day at 12:45pm is 36 ° or more:

1. The Principal will send a notice to classrooms at 12:50pm and students will remain inside in the drama room supervised by the duty teacher.
2. Students will be reminded of the importance of fluid intake. Students will be encouraged to have a bottles of water for classroom use as well as one for playground use.

WET WEATHER POLICY

LUNCH

- On days when it is wet at 11:00am the students are to be kept indoors during lunch. If the weather clears before 11:10am students can go out to play. The teachers will do normal yard duty.
- When wet weather begins during recess the duty teacher will instruct the students to leave the playground and proceed to the covered lunch shed or drama room as required.
- Students moving to and from the toilet area need to take wet weather precautions.

RECESS

- On days when it is wet at 1:10pm the students will eat their recess in the classroom, supervised by the class teacher. They will go to the drama room at 1:00pm where supervision will be done by the duty teacher. If the weather clears before 1:20pm students can go out to play. Teachers resume normal yard duty.
• When wet weather begins after children have gone to the playground then the duty teacher will instruct the students to leave the playground and proceed to the covered lunch shed or drama room as required.

• Staff and students will be notified if the school grounds or an area within the school grounds are too wet and not suitable for students to play.

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