



<b>Policy Number:</b>	COLLEGE 11
<b>Policy Name:</b>	Inclement Weather Policy
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Deputy Principal - Students
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## PREAMBLE

God is at the centre of our College...Mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel. We encourage every student to grow in the fullness of life and realise their potential through the bread we break at school, the bread of relationships and the bread of conversation. Let us engage the heart and bring faith to life and life to faith (Thomas Groome).

## LEGISLATION

This policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in *Ministerial Order No. 1359*. This policy applies to St Joseph's College staff, including employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

Further information relating to the Ministerial Order can be found at

<https://www.safeguardingservices.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Ministerial-Order-1359.pdf>

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## 1. PURPOSE

1.1 St Joseph's College has a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside.

## 2. AIMS

2.1 To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Deputy Principal if conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.

3.2 Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered by the Deputy Principal to be unsuitable, such as severe dust. The college deems 38 Degrees Celsius to be extreme heat.

3.3 Where inclement weather is obvious prior to students being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be authorised by the Deputy Principal (Enright Campus) and the Head of Mercy Campus, advising teachers to follow the inclement weather timetable until further notice.

3.4 In the case of inclement weather during a recess break, a yard duty teacher will inform the Deputy Principal/Head of Mercy Campus of the possible need to activate the inclement weather timetable.

3.5 The Deputy Principal/ Head of Mercy Campus will assess the situation and make the decision to direct students inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teachers will continue to supervise outside.

3.6 In the event of students being required to come inside the specially designated college buildings, yard duty teachers will supervise these areas.

3.7 All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during Terms 1 and 4 consistent with the college SunSmart Policy.

3.8 Scheduled sport, physical education classes or other outside activities will be monitored on days where the expected temperature is 38 degrees or greater. If the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) indicates that a temperature of 38 degrees has been reached, or is expected to be reached during the period of the activity, the activity is to be rescheduled or moved indoors where appropriate.