

Parafield Gardens High School

Inclement Weather Policy

Quality Learning Quality Futures

Rationale

Staff and students at PGHS are entitled to safe and welcoming working environments. In cases of inclement weather, exposure to elements may prove a safety risk. Usual student congregation spaces at the oval, the gym, home economics and the library become unsafe in inclement weather.

This includes:

- Extreme heat and risk of high UV damage;
- Risk of injury during high wind warning periods;
- · Slip hazards from wet weather;
- Overcrowding and student behaviour management issues.

Definitions

Inclement weather includes:

- Days of 35°C or higher after two successive days of 35°C or higher weather;
- High wind risk days;
- Intermittent rain.

Notification

In inclement weather periods, **three short blasts** from the bell will advise staff to move to supervised spaces. Staff must direct students to move from the courts and the oval, which should be locked by groundsmen.

The following movement should occur:

Oval and Courts - Closed

Courts/Oval

teachers move students to Library/STEM/Gym or Home Ec **Sth** people stay on site, under shelter to supervise students in yard

Gym - OPEN

Gym teacher cancels activities if heat or student numbers too high

No extra supervision will be provided to Performing Arts; room must be locked by staff!

B Floor -OPEN

Oval Nth teacher supervises extra students in B Floor.

Students must use open space; no classroom use permitted.

STEM and Library OPEN

Buildings Central teacher supervises in STEM building Admin floaters support supervision in Library.

Note that students should eat lunch before entering buildings.

