



Belmont Primary School WET WEATHER POLICY

Our behaviour expectations are central to all school pursuits, including the processes and practices during wet weather.

This Policy comes into effect if it is raining during recess or lunch breaks and if playground areas are too wet for "safe play".

If staff members are unsure if weather conditions constitute a serious enough risk to student health and safety to instigate the Wet Weather Policy, then they are to consult with the Principal or Deputy Principal.

The safety of the children is the most important consideration.

The Wet Weather Policy enforcement will be announced by 10.40 and 1:00

(Duty teachers need to also use their common sense in regard to sudden downpours if Wet Weather has not been enforced.)

1. Classroom Teachers

Students remain in their classes under the care of classroom teachers. A roster will be established for staff members who do not have a class to relieve classroom teachers for a break during recess and lunch times. If wet weather is called for recess, students to return to their classes and Literacy Group teachers/EAs to share supervision with one of the classes.

Specialist Teachers / Education Assistants

Non-classroom teachers will be rostered to class rooms during Wet Weather recess/lunch to ensure all staff members are given opportunities for a break.

Administrative Staff

Admin staff will circulate around the school to ensure staff is adequately supported.

2. Playground Rules

Teachers **must**, under Duty of Care responsibilities, remind children to move around sensibly and safely.

If the rain has been heavy, or continuous, the grounds / court area will also be soaked and play on these areas, on wet days, places students at an increased risk.

Duty teachers need to closely monitor students' games and ensure modifications are made where students are placing themselves at risk.

3. Sports Equipment/Games

No sports equipment is to be used on wet days. This includes both school equipment and students' private sporting equipment.

No running games are to be played in the **undercover area** at any time.

NORMAL duty roster is suspended if Wet Weather is called.

