

Adverse Weather Guidelines

At Brabham Primary School, student safety and wellbeing is our highest priority. As children spend time outdoors during the school day, it is important that we provide clear guidelines for a range of weather conditions to ensure all students remain safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

These guidelines apply throughout the year and support safe decision making in Western Australia's changing weather conditions.

Sun safety, hydration, personal safety and understanding environmental conditions are supported through the Health curriculum and everyday school routines. Students are encouraged to develop lifelong habits that support their safety in a variety of weather conditions.

Our Expectations

Sun Protection

Hats

Students are expected to wear the Brabham Primary School sun safe hat when outside during the school day.

Caps are **not** considered sun safe as they do not provide enough protection for the ears, neck and face.

Students who do not have the Brabham Primary School sun safe hat will be directed to play in a designated shaded or undercover area, such as the Performing Arts Centre.

Clothing

Students are expected to wear school uniform items that provide appropriate sun protection, including shirts with collars and sleeves as outlined in Brabham Primary School Dress Code Guidelines.

For swimming, water activities or outdoor water play, students may be required to wear a rash vest or similar sun protective top.

Sunscreen

Families are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school, particularly on days when students have Physical Education, excursions or outdoor events.

Families may also provide their child with their own sunscreen to reapply throughout the day.

Extreme Heat

During periods of extreme heat:

- Outdoor activities may be modified, shortened, relocated or cancelled
- Students will be encouraged to drink water regularly
- Water bottles should be brought to school every day
- Students will be directed to shaded or indoor areas where possible

The school will monitor weather conditions and use discretion when determining safe participation in outdoor activities.



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Wet Weather

During wet or rainy weather:

- Students will be directed to undercover or indoor areas during recess and lunch
- Outdoor play equipment or grassed areas will be closed if slippery or unsafe
- Assemblies, sport or outdoor activities may be relocated indoors or postponed

Students should still wear appropriate school uniform unless otherwise advised.

Cold Weather

During cold weather:

- Students are encouraged to wear approved school jumpers or jackets
- Families should ensure children are dressed appropriately for cooler mornings
- Outdoor activities will generally continue unless conditions are unsafe

Severe Weather Conditions

In the event of thunderstorms, lightning, severe wind, hail or other dangerous weather:

- Students will remain indoors or move to sheltered indoor spaces
- Outdoor play, sport and assemblies will be cancelled or postponed
- Students will be supervised indoors until conditions are safe
- Movement between buildings may be delayed where necessary
- Families may be informed of significant disruptions where appropriate

The school will follow Department of Education and emergency management advice when responding to severe weather events.

Excursions, Camps and Carnivals

For excursions, camps, sports carnivals and outdoor events, students will be required to bring:

- a Brabham Primary School hat
- sunscreen
- a water bottle
- weather appropriate clothing (such as rain protection or warm layers)
- sun protective clothing where appropriate

These requirements will be included in event information sent to families.

Staff and Adult Role Modelling

Staff and parent helpers are encouraged to model safe weather practices. Families and visitors attending school events are also encouraged to follow these practices.

Working Together

Families can support these guidelines by:

- ensuring their child has a Brabham Primary School sun safe hat at school that is clearly labelled with their full name
- providing a water bottle daily
- applying sunscreen before school
- providing weather appropriate clothing
- encouraging safe habits in all weather conditions
- modelling safe weather practices at school events

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